

A CUSTOMIZED RIVER REGION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Regionwide High School Survey Results Summary

The survey of East St. John High School, West St. John High School, Destrehan High School, Litcher High School, Hahnville High School, and St. James High School students was conducted in March of 2018 utilizing hardcopies or the online version of the survey instrument. A total of 5,540 high school students were eligible to participate in the survey and a total of 2,726 students completed the survey, yielding a participation rate of 49%. The survey instrument included 10 close-ended questions/statements and two close-ended demographic questions.

Survey results for High School's in the River Region indicate the following:

1. Virtually all (**93%**) high school students have a plan for what they want to do after high school.
2. Approximately **54%** of these students said they developed their plan without help from others. Approximately **37%** of these students said their parents or other family members helped them develop their plan.
3. Approximately **65%** of these students plan to enroll in a four-year college/university. Approximately **19%** plan to enroll in a community college, technical college or other type of training program.
4. Approximately **52%** of these students **do not** believe a person needs a four-year degree from a university to get a job that provides good career opportunities and good income. Approximately **35%** of these students **do** believe a four-year degree is a prerequisite for good career opportunities and good income; and approximately **13%** of these students are **not sure**.
5. Approximately **80%** of these students believe a person who earns a two-year degree from a community college can get a job that provides good career opportunities and good income.
6. Approximately **76%** of these students believe a person who earns a work skill certification or credential from a community college or technical college/school can get a job that provides good career opportunities and good income.

7. Only approximately **29%** of these students believe a person who earns a high school degree (only) can get a job that provides good career opportunities and good income. Approximately **27%** are not sure.
8. Approximately **55%** of these students have or would consider preparing for job/career that requires some education and/or technical training beyond high school but would not require a four-year degree.
9. Students who have not or would not consider preparing for job/career that requires some education and/or technical training beyond high school but would not require a four-year degree identified a wide variety of reasons in support of that decision. The top 5 reasons were:
 - My career options would be too limited
 - Those jobs don't pay enough
 - It wouldn't give me enough pride in what I was doing
 - My parents/family don't want me to
 - Those are dead-end jobs
10. Question number ten of the survey lists 22 distinct jobs and asks the survey participants to identify all the jobs on the list that require a four-year degree. None of the 22 jobs listed require a four-year degree. Survey results indicate a significant gap between the perceptions of these high school students and reality.