

# 2009 BLOUNT EDUCATION INITIATIVE GRADUATING SENIOR OPINION SURVEY

## Combined Results from the four high schools in Blount County

**1. Who influenced you the most in your decision to complete high school? (CIRCLE ONE)\***

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) **75%** Grandparent(s) **8%** Teacher(s) **7%** Guidance Counselor **3%** Other **21%**

**2. Using a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 means “do not agree at all” and 10 means “completely agree,” please rate how much you either agree or disagree with each of the following statements.**

8.98 Education should be a top priority in Blount County.

9.65 It's important to have a high school education.

8.26 It's important to have a college education.

8.01 It's important to have job training after high school.

9.33 It's important to keep learning throughout one's lifetime.

**3. What are your plans after high school? (CIRCLE ONE)\***

2 yr. College **21%**

4 yr. College **60%**

Job/Vocational Training **10%**

Military **5%**

Joining Workforce **7%**

Other **4%**

Don't Know **4%**

**4. If you are continuing your education/training after high school, how will it be funded? (CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY)**

Financial support from parents / family **51%** Lottery scholarship **47%** Other academic scholarship **29%**

Athletic scholarship **6%** I'm self-funding all or part of my own training/education through employment **18%**

Student loan(s) **27%** Government or other grant(s) **27%** Other **12%** None of These **6%**

**5. How prepared do you believe you are for life after high school? (CIRCLE ONE)\***

Very Prepared **25%** Somewhat Prepared **59%** Somewhat unprepared **9%** Very unprepared **3%** Don't Know **4%**

**6. Would you say the quality of life in Blount County is . . . (CIRCLE ONE)\***

Very High **12%**

Somewhat High **55%**

Somewhat Low **21%**

Very Low **5%**

Don't Know **8%**

**7. What is your level of familiarity with the Blount Education Initiative? (CIRCLE ONE)\***

Very Familiar **7%**

Somewhat Familiar **30%**

Somewhat Unfamiliar **20%**

Not At All Familiar **24%**

Don't Know **19%**

**8. Please rate your level of interest in either staying in Blount County now to join the workforce after high school, or, if you plan to pursue education/training elsewhere after high school, moving back to Blount County after you've completed your education/training. (CIRCLE ONE)\***

Very Interested **21%**

Somewhat Interested **39%**

Somewhat Disinterested **14%**

Not At All Interested **14%**

Don't Know **13%**

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*\*Note: total does not equal 100 percent, because some students chose more than one answer on questions where only one response was requested.*