

2010 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) **76%** Grandparent(s) **4%** Teacher(s) **4%** Guidance Counselor **<1%** Other **17%**

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.

8.53 Education should be a top priority in Blount County.

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

8.13 It's important to have a college education.

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

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

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

2 yr. College **18%**

4 yr. College **64%**

Job/Vocational Training **7%**

Military **5%**

Joining Workforce **2%**

Other **3%**

Don't Know **5%**

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 **54%** Lottery scholarship **52%** Other academic scholarship **39%**

Athletic scholarship **7%** I'm self-funding all or part of my own training/education through employment **15%**

Student loan(s) **30%** Government or other grant(s) **34%** Other **11%** None of These **6%**

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

Very Prepared **26%** Somewhat Prepared **62%** Somewhat unprepared **7%** Very unprepared **2%** Don't Know **4%**

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

Very High **12%** Somewhat High **54%** Somewhat Low **21%** Very Low **4%** Don't Know **10%**

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

Very Familiar **6%** Somewhat Familiar **23%** Somewhat Unfamiliar **24%** Not At All Familiar **27%** Don't Know **21%**

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 **16%** Somewhat Interested **34%** Somewhat Disinterested **17%** Not At All Interested **21%**
Don't Know **12%**

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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.*

Total surveyed: 876