Senior Exit Survey Results
TVEP engages, coordinates and aligns over 200 community partners and resources to ensure the success of every child, every step of the way, cradle to career.
TVEP’s Footprint

Serving over 200,000 children and youth
1/3rd of the students in Idaho

- 9 School Districts & Bishop Kelly
- 6 Higher Education Institutions
- Early Childhood Educators
- Nonprofits
- State & Local Government
- Idaho Business for Education
- Funders
Our Urgency

• 60% goal of Idahoans ages 25 – 34 will have a degree or certificate by 2020

• 62 – 68% of Idaho jobs are expected to require degree or certificate by 2020

• Currently 42% of Idahoans have a degree

Purpose of the Senior Exit Survey

Gain insight from students to help inform TVEP partners and schools in their efforts to support students in graduating on time and preparing them for education beyond high school.
Senior Exit Survey 2016

- 5,433 high school seniors (75%)
- 32 high schools in the Treasure Valley
- 9 school districts
2016 Survey Questions

• Future plans
• Educational aspirations
• Influencers
• Barriers
• Course selection (AP/Dual Credit/IB/PTE)
• School resources
What are your plans for next fall?  
(Check all that apply)

74% plan to attend 2 or 4 year college
Yet, only 46 % directly enrolled in 2015
When did you decide you were going on?

67% said they made their decision in 8th grade or earlier
Where is the program you will attend (of those going on on)

70% plan to earn their degree in Idaho

(n=3993)
Why are you not planning to continue your education right after high school? (Check all that apply)

- I’m taking a year long break to pursue other interests (30%)
- I am going on a religious mission (20%)
- I need to have an income (19%)
- I cannot afford it (18%)
What is the highest level of education you plan to complete in your lifetime?

80% aspire to complete at least an Associate’s degree.
Who influenced your decision about what you’ll do after high school the most?

- **77% said their family was the biggest influencer**

(n=5329)
Key Take-Aways

• **80%** aspire to complete some form of postsecondary education in their lifetime

• **67%** who planned to go on in the fall indicated they made this decision in **8th grade or earlier**

• **Finances** appear to be a barrier for many students

• **77%** said their **family influenced** their decision the most about what they would do after school
Recommendations

1. Continue investment in College and Career Advising ➔ Expand support to elementary and middle schools!

2. Help school districts and universities support students during the summer after graduation

3. Increase scholarship funding

4. Fund parent outreach and awareness
TVEP’s Survey in 2017:

• Ask questions that include a variety of postsecondary options (not just college)

• Explore what their career fields of interest are

• Discover potential barriers to achieving career goals

• Identify supports students want/need in school and during the summer after graduation

• Find out what students value and what motivates them

Suggestions and/or Questions?
Did you file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

FAFSA completion is ~46% for Treasure Valley high schools

90% of seniors who complete a FAFSA go directly to college