

PASS STUDENT SURVEY

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Developers of the new proficiency-based college admission system (PASS) are interested in learning about your opinions and experiences of school, work, and friends and thoughts about college. Your input is very important to the continued development of PASS. However, your participation is voluntary, and your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your relationship with your teacher. Finally, your answers are strictly anonymous. We do not ask you to supply your name or other identifying information.

Please be sure to answer all questions.

Thank you for your help.

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About your high school program...

**1. Which of the following describes your present high school program?
(PLEASE MARK ONE ONLY)**

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| 01 | General high school program | ○ 38.4% |
| 02 | College prep, academic | ○ 51.1% |
| 03 | Vocational, technical | ○ 0.9% |
| | <u>Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM) strand:</u> | |
| 04 | Human Resources | ○ 0.3% |
| 05 | Natural Resources | ○ 0.2% |
| 06 | Business and Management | ○ 0.2% |
| 07 | Health Services | ○ 0.6% |
| 08 | Arts and Communication | ○ 0.3% |
| 09 | Industrial and Engineering Systems | ○ 0.5% |
| 10 | Individualized education plan (IEP) | ○ 0.5% |
| 11 | Alternative or Dropout Prevention Program | ○ 0.1% |
| 12 | I don't know | ○ 4.6% |

**2. Starting with the beginning of the ninth grade and through the end of this school year, how many courses will you have taken in each of the following areas?
(PLEASE MARK ONE FOR EACH ITEM)**

- | | <i>None</i> | <i>1</i> | <i>2</i> | <i>3</i> | <i>4</i> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| a. Mathematics | ○ 0.2% | ○ 3.1% | ○ 19.5% | ○ 42.6% | ○ 34.3% |
| b. English or literature | ○ 0.3% | ○ 2.5% | ○ 16.3% | ○ 35.6% | ○ 44.7% |
| c. French | ○ 68.7% | ○ 4.1% | ○ 7.2% | ○ 6.6% | ○ 3.8% |
| d. German | ○ 77.6% | ○ 3.1% | ○ 4.0% | ○ 2.1% | ○ 1.7% |
| e. Spanish | ○ 33.4% | ○ 10.5% | ○ 27.7% | ○ 14.9% | ○ 7.3% |
| f. History or social studies | ○ 0.9% | ○ 10.5% | ○ 36.9% | ○ 34.0% | ○ 16.2% |
| g. Science | ○ 1.1% | ○ 6.2% | ○ 33.1% | ○ 33.4% | ○ 24.5% |
| h. Art | ○ 41.7% | ○ 26.2% | ○ 13.5% | ○ 6.5% | ○ 6.8% |
| i. Music | ○ 60.0% | ○ 8.9% | ○ 7.9% | ○ 8.1% | ○ 7.9% |
| j. Business, office, or sales | ○ 41.9% | ○ 30.5% | ○ 13.1% | ○ 4.8% | ○ 3.6% |
| k. Vocational, technical | ○ 56.4% | ○ 19.1% | ○ 7.5% | ○ 4.6% | ○ 3.2% |

3. What is the total amount of time you spend on homework each week on average?

- 01 None ☐ 2.2%
- 02 Less than 1 hour ☐ 6.8%
- 03 1-3 hours ☐ 19.3%
- 04 4-6 hours ☐ 22.5%
- 05 7-9 hours ☐ 15.0%
- 06 10-12 hours ☐ 11.6%
- 07 13-15 hours ☐ 9.2%
- 08 16-20 hours ☐ 7.6%
- 09 Over 20 hours ☐ 5.5%

PLEASE THINK NOW ABOUT THE CLASS IN WHICH YOU ARE NOW SITTING AND WITH THIS CLASS IN MIND, ANSWER THE NEXT QUESTIONS.

4. What subject area is covered in this class? (PLEASE MARK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 01 Math ☐ 36.1%
- 02 Science ☐ 21.0%
- 03 Social Studies/History ☐ 23.3%
- 04 English/Literature ☐ 18.8%
- 05 Fine Arts ☐ 0.1%
- 06 Foreign Language ☐ 0.1%

5. How often did you do each of the following in this class?

	1. <i>Never</i>	2. <i>1-2 times a month</i>	3. <i>1-2 times a week</i>	4. <i>Almost Every Day</i>	5. <i>Every Day</i>
a. Listen to the teacher's lecture	☐ 2.2%	☐ 6.9%	☐ 17.9%	☐ 41.0%	☐ 31.3%
b. Copy the teacher's notes from the blackboard	☐ 10.2%	☐ 15.5%	☐ 22.6%	☐ 26.4%	☐ 24.1%
c. Use books/materials other than text books	☐ 10.2%	☐ 22.8%	☐ 29.5%	☐ 22.4%	☐ 14.4%
d. Make an oral presentation	☐ 41.9%	☐ 52.1%	☐ 3.9%	☐ 0.8%	☐ 0.4%
e. Participate in student-led discussions	☐ 38.4%	☐ 27.7%	☐ 16.9%	☐ 10.2%	☐ 5.6%
f. Work on a project	☐ 11.5%	☐ 56.0%	☐ 19.2%	☐ 9.2%	☐ 3.2%
g. Write -- descriptions of your work, reports, essays, or stories	☐ 24.5%	☐ 33.7%	☐ 25.4%	☐ 9.6%	☐ 5.5%
h. Work on individual assignments or worksheets	☐ 2.6%	☐ 9.4%	☐ 27.3%	☐ 33.2%	☐ 26.7%
i. Work in small groups	☐ 7.4%	☐ 30.4%	☐ 34.7%	☐ 18.5%	☐ 8.4%
j. Use a computer	☐ 56.9%	☐ 26.6%	☐ 6.8%	☐ 4.2%	☐ 4.4%
k. Carry out an assignment in the community	☐ 82.3%	☐ 13.3%	☐ 2.1%	☐ 0.7%	☐ 0.6%

6. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about this class?

	1. <i>Strongly agree</i>	2. <i>Agree</i>	3. <i>Disagree</i>	4. <i>Strongly disagree</i>
a. The assignments I work on are connected to real world problems.	☐ 16.4 %	☐ 51.2 %	☐ 24.8 %	☐ 7.2 %
b. I get to explore topics in ways that have personal meaning for me.	☐ 12.1 %	☐ 38.0 %	☐ 38.2 %	☐ 11.1 %
c. The work I do is geared mainly to satisfying course requirements.	☐ 19.2 %	☐ 51.5 %	☐ 24.2 %	☐ 4.5 %
d. I can see no other reason for doing the assignments than to pass the course.	☐ 10.7 %	☐ 20.2 %	☐ 50.1 %	☐ 18.7 %
e. I study course topics that do not seem relevant to the real world.	☐ 6.5 %	☐ 26.8 %	☐ 48.7 %	☐ 17.5 %
f. I do assignments that require me to investigate things outside of school.	☐ 9.7 %	☐ 43.3 %	☐ 35.7 %	☐ 10.8 %

7. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the work you do in this class?

	1. <i>Strongly agree</i>	2. <i>Agree</i>	3. <i>Disagree</i>	4. <i>Strongly disagree</i>
a. I am expected to master material at the level needed for college.	☐ 27.4 %	☐ 46.3 %	☐ 23.5 %	☐ 2.1 %
b. The work I turn in has to meet certain requirements or I have to redo it.	☐ 15.1 %	☐ 40.7 %	☐ 38.8 %	☐ 5.0 %
c. I get by turning in work on which I have not worked very hard.	☐ 5.2 %	☐ 34.3 %	☐ 48.2 %	☐ 11.2 %
d. The main point seems to be to turn something in even if it is not very good.	☐ 6.4 %	☐ 30.5 %	☐ 47.3 %	☐ 15.2 %
e. I am expected to put a lot of effort into my work.	☐ 34.2 %	☐ 52.2 %	☐ 12.0 %	☐ 1.2 %

8. To what extent do you agree with the following statements about this class?

	1. <i>Strongly agree</i>	2. <i>Agree</i>	3. <i>Disagree</i>	4. <i>Strongly disagree</i>
a. We study a small number of topics in a thorough and interrelated way.	☐ 10.8 %	☐ 48.0 %	☐ 34.9 %	☐ 5.2 %
b. We study a broad range of topics that seem unrelated to each other.	☐ 3.2 %	☐ 20.3 %	☐ 64.6 %	☐ 10.7 %
c. We only have enough time to study each topic briefly.	☐ 7.1 %	☐ 37.8 %	☐ 50.0 %	☐ 3.8 %
d. We study ideas and concepts in great depth.	☐ 11.9 %	☐ 45.1 %	☐ 37.5 %	☐ 4.0 %
e. We get a broad familiarity with course topics rather than a deep understanding.	☐ 8.1 %	☐ 47.4 %	☐ 39.3 %	☐ 3.3 %

9. To what extent do you agree with these statements?

	1. <i>Strongly agree</i>	2. <i>Agree</i>	3. <i>Disagree</i>	4. <i>Strongly disagree</i>
a. Most of the work I do involves learning facts and the rules for doing something.	☐ 16.3 %	☐ 52.0 %	☐ 26.9 %	☐ 3.9 %
b. Sometimes there is not a right answer to a question, and I have to defend my answer.	☐ 15.0 %	☐ 50.1 %	☐ 27.6 %	☐ 6.4 %
c. My grade is mostly based on my ability to memorize and then recall specific information I have learned.	☐ 13.4 %	☐ 36.7 %	☐ 40.1 %	☐ 8.7 %
d. I sometimes have to make my own interpretation of things using facts and ideas I have learned.	☐ 21.4 %	☐ 60.9 %	☐ 14.5 %	☐ 2.3 %
e. Sometimes I am given a problem or situation to analyze to gain an understanding of something.	☐ 23.0 %	☐ 62.0 %	☐ 12.6 %	☐ 1.4 %

Your familiarity with PASS...

1. How familiar are you with PASS, the new proficiency-based college admission system? (PLEASE MARK ONE ONLY)

- 01** Never heard of PASS ☐ 50.4%
- 02** Heard of PASS but never worked toward a PASS proficiency ☐ 24.4%
- 03** Worked toward a PASS proficiency in one class ☐ 12.7%
- 04** Worked toward more than one PASS proficiency in one class ☐ 4.4%
- 05** Worked toward PASS proficiencies in more than one class ☐ 7.5%

IF YOU HAVE NEVER WORKED ON A PASS PROFICIENCY, SKIP TO THE NEXT PAGE.

2. What was the work like that you did on PASS? (PLEASE MARK ONE FOR EACH ITEM)

The work was...	1. <i>Very</i>	2. <i>Somewhat</i>	3. <i>Not at all</i>
a. Challenging	☐ 29.4%	☐ 56.5%	☐ 8.4%
b. Difficult	☐ 20.3%	☐ 58.9%	☐ 15.2%
c. Interesting	☐ 29.2%	☐ 44.4%	☐ 20.8%
d. Worthwhile	☐ 27.3%	☐ 46.5%	☐ 20.3%
e. Important	☐ 25.2%	☐ 48.8%	☐ 20.8%
f. Related to my other courses	☐ 14.5%	☐ 33.4%	☐ 46.5%

3. How would you describe what you learned for PASS?

	1. <i>A lot</i>	2. <i>Some</i>	3. <i>None</i>
a. The amount I learned for PASS that I will be able to remember	☐ 25.9%	☐ 53.0%	☐ 15.7%
b. The amount I learned that I can apply in real-world situations	☐ 17.8%	☐ 49.5%	☐ 27.1%
c. The amount of effort I put into learning what I did for PASS	☐ 36.9%	☐ 49.3%	☐ 7.9%
d. The amount of preparation for college that learning for PASS	☐ 22.0%	☐ 48.4%	☐ 23.4%

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About non-school activities and peers...

1. Excluding work you may be doing for your high school program, are you now working at a job to earn money?

01 Yes ☐ 56.7%

02 No ☐ 42.7%

2. If yes, how many hours do you work a week on your current job?

01 None, never worked for pay ☐ 0.3%

02 1-4 hours per week ☐ 18.0%

03 5-14 hours per week ☐ 35.9%

04 15-21 hours per week ☐ 27.6%

05 22-29 hours per week ☐ 9.7%

06 30-34 hours per week ☐ 4.1%

07 35 or more hours per week ☐ 3.4%

3. In describing your present job, would you say it is...

	<i>1. Yes</i>	<i>2. No</i>
a. A place where people goof off?	☐ 21.6%	☐ 68.2%
b. Something you just do for money?	☐ 58.3%	☐ 35.8%
c. More enjoyable than school?	☐ 41.3%	☐ 49.3%
d. Encourages good work habits?	☐ 78.4%	☐ 13.3%
e. More important for you than school?	☐ 8.1%	☐ 82.0%

4. Among your close friends, how important is it to them that they...

		1. <i>Not at all important</i>	2. <i>Somewhat important</i>	3. <i>Very important</i>
a.	Attend class regularly?	☐ 6.2%	☐ 47.1%	☐ 45.7%
b.	Study?	☐ 9.8%	☐ 52.0%	☐ 37.2%
c.	Play sports?	☐ 25.7%	☐ 42.8%	☐ 30.4%
d.	Get good grades?	☐ 5.9%	☐ 38.2%	☐ 54.7%
e.	Be popular/well-liked by others?	☐ 22.7%	☐ 56.2%	☐ 19.9%
f.	Finish high school?	☐ 2.7%	☐ 10.6%	☐ 85.6%
g.	Have a steady boyfriend/girlfriend?	☐ 40.1%	☐ 49.1%	☐ 9.2%
h.	Continue their education past high school?	☐ 4.6%	☐ 26.4%	☐ 67.7%
i.	Do community work or volunteering?	☐ 44.5%	☐ 46.9%	☐ 7.5%
j.	Have a regular job?	☐ 21.5%	☐ 62.5%	☐ 14.9%
k.	Get together with friends?	☐ 2.8%	☐ 31.8%	☐ 64.2%
l.	Go to parties?	☐ 23.4%	☐ 45.9%	☐ 29.6%
m.	Make money?	☐ 8.9%	☐ 48.9%	☐ 41.0%

About going to college....

1. As things stand now, how much education do you plan to get?
(PLEASE MARK THE HIGHEST LEVEL THAT APPLIES)

01	Less than high school graduation	☐ 0.7%
02	High school graduation only	☐ 1.4%
	<u>Vocational, Trade, or Business School after High School:</u>	
03	Less than two years of school	☐ 1.1%
04	Two or more years of school	☐ 1.6%
05	A degree from a vocational, trade, or business school	☐ 1.5%
	<u>College Program:</u>	
06	Less than two years of college	☐ 0.8%
07	Two or more years of college (including two-year degree)	☐ 8.0%
08	Finish college (four-or five-year degree)	☐ 83.6%

2. What is the one thing that most likely will take the largest share of your time in the year after you leave high school? (MARK ONE ONLY)

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| 01 | Working full time | ☐ 7.7% |
| 02 | Entering an apprenticeship or on-the-job training program | ☐ 1.1% |
| 03 | Going into regular military service (or service academy) | ☐ 1.5% |
| 04 | Being a full-time homemaker | ☐ 0.4% |
| 05 | Taking vocational or technical courses at a trade or business school full time or part time | ☐ 0.9% |
| 06 | Taking <u>academic courses</u> at a community college full time or part time | ☐ 6.1% |
| 07 | Taking <u>technical or vocational</u> subjects at a community college full time or part time | ☐ 1.5% |
| 08 | Attending a four year college or university full time or part time | ☐ 70.7% |
| 09 | Working part time, but not attending school or college | ☐ 1.3% |
| 10 | Other (travel, take a break, no plans) | ☐ 2.8% |
| 11 | Other (specify)_____ | ☐ 4.4% |

3. If you started college, where would it most likely be?

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|----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | A four year college or university | ☐ 78.2% |
| 02 | A two year community college | ☐ 17.9% |
| 03 | Other (specify)_____ | ☐ 2.8% |

4. If you went to college, would you most likely go to...

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|----|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | A public college or university | ☐ 54.9% |
| 02 | A private college or university | ☐ 39.7% |
| 03 | Other (specify)_____ | ☐ 3.5% |

5. If you went to college, would you probably go...

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|----|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | In this state | ☐ 48.7% |
| 02 | In another state | ☐ 44.2% |
| 03 | Other (specify)_____ | ☐ 5.1% |

6. If you went to college, how important would each of the following be in choosing a school to attend?

		<i>1. Not important</i>	<i>2. Somewhat important</i>	<i>3. Very important</i>
a.	Low expenses (tuition, books, room, board)	☐ 12.8%	☐ 49.9%	☐ 35.8%
b.	Availability of financial aid, such as school loan, scholarship, or grant	☐ 7.5%	☐ 29.1%	☐ 61.9%
c.	Strong reputation of the school's athletic programs	☐ 54.3%	☐ 32.3%	☐ 11.9%
d.	Active social life at the school	☐ 12.5%	☐ 59.2%	☐ 26.8%
e.	Ability to attend school while living at home	☐ 63.7%	☐ 24.6%	☐ 9.9%
f.	Chance to live away from home	☐ 21.4%	☐ 45.0%	☐ 31.7%
g.	A religious environment	☐ 60.7%	☐ 24.1%	☐ 13.5%
h.	A low-crime environment	☐ 11.2%	☐ 49.3%	☐ 37.8%
i.	A good record for placing graduates in jobs	☐ 4.6%	☐ 37.0%	☐ 56.4%
j.	Strong reputation of the school's academic programs	☐ 3.6%	☐ 30.7%	☐ 67.5%
k.	Easy admissions standards	☐ 40.3%	☐ 45.7%	☐ 11.9%
l.	Availability of a degree program that will allow me to get a job in my chosen field	☐ 2.4%	☐ 21.6%	☐ 73.7%
m.	Racial/ethnic composition of the school	☐ 44.0%	☐ 41.6%	☐ 12.0%
n.	Size of the school	☐ 23.5%	☐ 59.1%	☐ 15.4%
o.	Geographic location of the school	☐ 15.1%	☐ 57.4%	☐ 25.3%
p.	Ability to attend the same school my parents attended	☐ 90.8%	☐ 5.6%	☐ 1.5%

7. Whatever your plans, do you think your school is preparing you adequately to succeed in college?

<i>01</i>	Yes, definitely	☐ 25.5%
<i>02</i>	Yes, probably	☐ 45.0%
<i>03</i>	Not sure	☐ 15.1%
<i>04</i>	I doubt it	☐ 9.2%
<i>05</i>	Definitely not	☐ 3.0%

About you ...

8. What is your sex?

- 01** Male ☐ 43.7%
02 Female ☐ 54.0%

9. Which of these best describes you?

- 01** Asian or Pacific Islander ☐ 7.9%
02 Hispanic, regardless of race ☐ 2.4%
03 Black, not of Hispanic origin ☐ 1.8%
04 White, not of Hispanic origin ☐ 76.7%
05 American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ 0.9%
06 Mixed ☐ 3.2%
07 Other (specify) _____ ☐ 2.5%

10. What is your current grade level?

- 01** 9th ☐ 2.8%
02 10th ☐ 19.4%
03 11th ☐ 48.7%
04 12th ☐ 27.4%

11. What high school do you attend?

- 01** Ashland ☐ 17.7%
02 Bend ☐ 7.8%
03 David Douglas ☐ 5.8%
04 Franklin ☐ 4.2%
05 Jefferson ☐ 3.2%
06 Lincoln ☐ 7.4%
07 Marshall ☐ 7.3%
08 North Eugene ☐ 8.7%
09 Sam Barlow ☐ 9.2%
10 Sprague ☐ 9.1%
11 West Albany ☐ 8.2%
12 Wilson ☐ 11.4%

12. If you would like to share anything else about high school or college, please use this space.

