

Options After High School Survey

Introduction

This survey is being conducted by the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges in collaboration with Imperial County Office of Education, San Diego County Office of Education, and WestEd. The survey aims to better understand students' plans after high school, perspectives on community college, and preferences for learning about college and career programs.

Your responses will not be connected to you in any way and your individual responses will not be given to any third party. In addition, you will not be added to any mailing lists as a result of taking this survey. Participation is voluntary, and the survey should only take about 10 minutes to complete.

Please click Next to begin.

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Student Information

In this section, we would like to learn more about you.

* 1. At what school are you enrolled?

* 2. What grade are you in?

- 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade

* 3. What is your racial or ethnic identity? (Select all that apply.)

- Black or African-American
- East Asian
- Hispanic or Latinx
- Middle Eastern
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Pacific Islander
- South Asian
- Southeast Asian
- White
- Prefer not to respond
- Other race or ethnicity not represented here (please specify)

* 4. What is your gender identity?

- Female (including transgender women)
- Male (including transgender men)
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to respond
- Other (please specify)

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Career Pathways / Career Technical Education (CTE)

This section asks about the kinds of career-focused education programs, and types of career exploration experiences at your school.

* 5. Are you in a career pathway at your school? Career pathways are a series of classes organized around specific careers.

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

* 6. Please select the career area(s) that are most closely related to your career pathway(s) at school. If you are not in a pathway or do not know your pathway, select "I'm not sure."

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Arts, Media, and Entertainment
- Building and Construction Trades
- Business and Finance
- Education, Child Development, and Family Services
- Energy, Environment, and Utilities
- Engineering and Architecture
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Health Science and Medical Technology
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Manufacturing and Product Development
- Marketing Sales and Service
- Public Services
- Transportation (including automotive careers)
- I'm not sure

* 7. Please indicate how much you agree with the following statements on a scale from "Strongly disagree" to "Strongly agree."

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
I have had a chance to explore different career options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have been involved in activities such as: guest speakers from businesses in my pathway, company tours of businesses within my pathway, job shadows, or internships	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to find information about programs to help me reach my career goals after high school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know about related programs at local community colleges	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know about related programs at local adult schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know how to enroll in a program that will help me reach my career goals after high school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I plan to enroll in a program at a community college or adult school after high school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

These questions ask about your experiences with community colleges, plans for after graduation, and reasons to attend (or not attend) community college.

* 8. Which of these areas are you most interested in for a future career?

- Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Arts, Media, and Entertainment
- Building and Construction Trades
- Business and Finance
- Education, Child Development, and Family Services
- Energy, Environment, and Utilities
- Engineering and Architecture
- Fashion and Interior Design
- Health Science and Medical Technology
- Hospitality, Tourism, and Recreation
- Information and Communication Technologies
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- Marketing Sales and Service
- Public Services
- Transportation (including automotive careers)
- I'm not sure

* 9. Have you taken community college courses while still in high school?

- Yes
- No

* 10. Attending a community college after high school is:

- My first choice
- My back-up plan if I don't get into my first-choice school
- My back-up plan if I don't get scholarships for a 4-year school
- Not my plan
- I'm not sure yet

* 11. Which of the reasons below would lead you to choose a community college after high school? (Select all that apply.)

- I want to stay close to home
- I want to save money
- I can enroll in a program there that will help prepare me for my future career
- The community college has connections to local employers for internships and jobs
- My friends or family have had good experiences at community colleges
- I'd be able to take classes that would help me get into a 4-year college later
- Other (please specify)

* 12. What reasons below would lead you **not** to choose a community college after high school? (Select all that apply.)

- I want to explore life outside of my community after high school
- I am expected by others to attend a 4-year college after high school
- I feel prepared academically to go to a 4-year college right after high school
- I'm worried it will be difficult to transfer to a 4-year college from community college
- My community college doesn't have a program to prepare me for my desired career
- I don't know why community college might be a good option for me
- Other (please specify)

- I don't plan to attend any more school after high school.

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Post-High School Plans

13. Why don't you plan to attend any more school after high school?

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Communication Preferences

This final section asks about preferences for learning about college and career education programs and social media platforms.

* 14. How would you like to learn about career options and educational programs that can fully prepare you for your career after high school? (Select up to three.)

- Conversations with high school counselors or teachers
- Conversations with college students
- Conversations with college professors
- Conversations with college counselors
- Conversations with working professionals
- Other (please specify)

* 15. What other resources or activities might help you learn about career and educational programs for after high school? (Select up to three.)

- Social media
- A website where I can do my own research
- Informational flyers
- Career-focused courses
- Career fairs
- College campus tours
- Internships
- Shadow someone at work for a day
- Industry tours at real workplaces or jobs sites
- Other (please specify)

* 16. Which social media platform(s) do you use regularly? (Select all that apply.)

- Instagram
- Youtube
- Twitter
- Tik Tok
- Facebook
- Other (please specify)

- I do not use social media