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Q1 Which best describes the student composition of your school?


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Day school exclusively | 76.47\% | 52 |
| A boarding school exclusively | 4.41\% | 3 |
| 50/50 mix of boarding/day students | 1.47\% | 1 |
| A mix of boarding/day with more day students | 7.35\% | 5 |
| A mix of boarding/day with more boarding students | 10.29\% | 7 |
| Total |  | 68 |

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## Q2 How many students are in your 20162017 senior class?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 0


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 40 or fewer | 10.29\% | 7 |
| 41-60 | 16.18\% | 11 |
| 61-80 | 23.53\% | 16 |
| 81-100 | 17.65\% | 12 |
| 101-125 | 14.71\% | 10 |
| 126-150 | 13.24\% | 9 |
| 151 or more | 4.41\% | 3 |
| Total |  | 68 |

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## Q3 Where is your school located?

Answered: 68 Skipped: 0


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Southwest (AZ, CA, NM, NV) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Northwest (OR, WA) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Midwest (IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, WI) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| South (AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA VA, WV) | 100.00\% | 68 |
| Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, VT) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain (CO, ID, MT, NM, UT, WY) | 0.00\% | 0 |
| AK, HI | 0.00\% | 0 |
| US Territories | 0.00\% | 0 |
| International | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Total |  | 68 |

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## Q4 How would you best categorize your curriculum?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AP curriculum | $\mathbf{3 8 . 8 1 \%}$ |
| Some AP courses offered | 26 |
| IB Diploma | $\mathbf{2 3 . 8 8 \%}$ |
| Some IB offered | $\mathbf{7 . 4 6 \%}$ |
| Independent curriculum | $\mathbf{5}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{0 . 0 0 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{2 9 . 8 5 \%}$ |  |

Q5 Other than traditional labels such as AP, IB, Honors, etc., briefly describe how your school distinguishes the relative rigor or your courses.

Answered: 44 Skipped: 24

## Q6 Which of the following types of students does your school have in significant numbers (over 15\% of the class)? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 20


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| International Students | 33.33\% | 16 |
| ESL Students | 14.58\% | 7 |
| Students in need of full financial assistance | 33.33\% | 16 |
| Postgraduate students | 6.25\% | 3 |
| Development cases | 16.67\% | 8 |
| DI Recruited Athletes | 12.50\% | 6 |
| Recruited athletes | 39.58\% | 19 |

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| Visual and performing arts applicants | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| TOEFL eligible students | $\mathbf{1 6 . 6 7 \%}$ |
| Students with learning disabilities | $\mathbf{2 0 . 8 3 \%}$ |
| Graduates Enrolling in Test Optional Colleges | $\mathbf{3 9 . 5 8 \%}$ |
| Total Respondents: 48 | $\mathbf{4 8}$ |

# Q7 Which of the following descriptions accurately describes the standardized testing practices of your students? Please check all that apply. 



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Virtually all students exclusively take the SAT Reasoning exam | 6.67\% 4 |
| Virtually all students exclusively take the ACT exam | 8.33\% 5 |
| Many students take the SAT Reasoning exam and the ACT exam (more than $75 \%$ take the SAT) | 73.33\% 44 |
| Some students take the SAT Reasoning exam and the ACT exam (fewer than $50 \%$ take the SAT) | 15.00\% 9 |
| A few students take the SAT Reasoning exam and the ACT exam (fewer than $25 \%$ take the SAT) | 1.67\% 1 |
| The number of ACT test takers at my school has risen steadily over the past 2-3 years. | 68.33\% 41 |
| Total Respondents: 60 |  |

## Q8 Which of the following best describes the way in which your school begins standardized testing with your students?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| We offer the PSAT to 9th, 10th, \& 11th grade students | 18.33\% 11 |
| We offer the PSAT to 10th \& 11th grade students | 71.67\% 43 |
| We offer the PSAT to 11th grade students only | 10.00\% 6 |
| We offer Aspire to 9th grade students | 1.67\% 1 |
| We offer Aspire to 9th and 10th grade students | 0.00\% 0 |
| We offer Aspire to 10th grade students only | 5.00\% 3 |
| We offer both the PSAT and Aspire tests | 3.33\% 2 |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{2 5 . 0 0 \%} 15$ |
| Total Respondents: 60 |  |

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## Q9 Do you administer the College Work Readiness Assessment (CWRA) at your school?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $16.95 \%$ |
| No | 10 |
| Total | $83.05 \%$ |

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## Q10 Which of the following best captures your school's approach to AP?



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| We do not offer AP courses | 13.33\% | 8 |
| We do not offer AP courses but do administer a number of AP exams | 15.00\% | 9 |
| We offer AP courses, and students enrolled in AP courses must take the AP exam. | 58.33\% | 35 |
| We offer AP courses, but it is up to the student to decide whether or not to take the AP exam. | 13.33\% | 8 |
| Total |  | 60 |

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## Q11 If you offer AP's, do you charge students more than the exam price?



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. We charge the College Board exam price. | 90.57\% | 48 |
| \$1-\$10 over the exam price | 5.66\% | 3 |
| \$11-\$20 over the exam price | 3.77\% | 2 |
| Over \$20 of the exam price | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Total |  | 53 |

## Q12 Which of the following best describes <br> the administration and oversight of standardized testing at your school?



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The Director of College Counseling serves as the testing coordinator | 38.33\% | 23 |
| One of the other counselors serves as the testing coordinator | 23.33\% | 14 |
| A faculty member, or administrator not a part of the college counseling office, serves as testing coordinator | 38.33\% | 23 |
| Total |  | 60 |

## Q13 What is the median composite score on <br> the ACT for your senior class?

Answered: 52 Skipped: 16


| Answer Choices | Average Number | Total Number | Responses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 28 | 1,430 | 52 |
| Total Respondents: 52 |  |  |  |

## Q14 What is the median score on the EBRW section of the redesigned SAT?

Answered: 38 Skipped: 30


| Answer Choices | Average Number | Total Number | Responses |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 627 | 23,810 | 38 |
| Total Respondents: 38 |  |  |  |

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## Q15 What is your current student average score on the Math section of the redesigned SAT?



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## Q16 How many counselors report to the Director(s) of College Counseling?



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 - the director runs a one person shop | 24.14\% | 14 |
| 1 | 27.59\% | 16 |
| 1.5 | 1.72\% | 1 |
| 2 | 32.76\% | 19 |
| 2.5 | 3.45\% | 2 |
| 3 | 5.17\% | 3 |
| 4 | 3.45\% | 2 |
| 5 or more | 1.72\% | 1 |
| Total |  | 58 |

# Q17 Are the Director(s) of College <br> Counseling on a 

Answered: 58 Skipped: 10


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 month contract? | $\mathbf{2 5 . 8 6 \%}$ |
| 11 month contract? | $\mathbf{5 . 1 7 \%}$ |
| 12 month contract? | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 8 . 9 7 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 8}$ |  |

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## Q18 To whom does the Director(s) of College Counseling report?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Head of School | $\mathbf{4 7 . 4 6 \%}$ |
| Dean of Faculty | $0.00 \%$ |
| Head of Upper School | $\mathbf{2 8}$ |
| Assistant Head of School | $\mathbf{4 0 . 6 8 \%}$ |
| Other | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 . 7 8 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 9}$ |  |

## Q19 What other responsibilities does the Director have? Please check all that apply.



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Teaching | $\mathbf{2 8 . 8 5 \%}$ |
| Coaching | $\mathbf{1 5}$ |
| Advising | $\mathbf{2 3 . 0 8 \%}$ |
| Residential | $\mathbf{6 1 . 5 4 \%}$ |
| Administrative duties | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{1 1 . 5 4 \%}$ |
| Total Respondents: $\mathbf{5 2}$ | $\mathbf{7 3 . 0 8 \%}$ |

## Q20 Which of the following best describes the education earned by the Director(s) of College Counseling? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 10


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bachelors | 34.48\% | 20 |
| Masters | 79.31\% | 46 |
| Doctoral | 3.45\% | 2 |
| Professional Degree - MBA, JD, etc. | 3.45\% | 2 |
| Total Respondents: 58 |  |  |

## Q21 How often does the Director(s) of College Counseling report to the Board of Trustees?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Very rarely or never | $\mathbf{1 5 . 2 5 \%}$ |
| Once per year | $\mathbf{9}$ |
| Twice per year | $\mathbf{3 5 . 5 9 \%}$ |
| Three times per year | $\mathbf{2 7 . 1 2 \%}$ |
| Four or more times per year | $\mathbf{1 0 . 1 7 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 1 . 8 6 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 9}$ |  |

## Q22 Which of the following statistics do you report to the Board of Trustees? Please check all that apply.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Matriculants/Admits to Ivy League Institutions | 33.33\% | 18 |
| Matriculants/Admits to colleges based on US News rankings | 9.26\% | 5 |
| Matriculants/Admits to colleges based on Barron's | 22.22\% | 12 |
| Matriculants/Admits to colleges based on another publication (Washingtonian, Forbes, etc.) | 1.85\% | 1 |
| Merit-Based and/or Need Based Aid Awarded | 35.19\% | 19 |
| Percentage of students accepted to their first choice, second choice, etc. | 29.63\% | 16 |
| Performance of students on standardized tests (SATs, ACTs, PSATs, APs,) | 61.11\% | 33 |
| Statistics relating to Early Decision and Early Action | 90.74\% | 49 |
| Other (please specify) | 40.74\% | 22 |
| Total Respondents: 54 |  |  |

Q23 Which best describes the average FTE (Full Time Equivalent) caseload in your office (i.e. \# of seniors divided by the number of FTE college counselors)?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 10


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fewer than 20 students per college counselor | 3.45\% | 2 |
| 20-25 students per college counselor | 8.62\% | 5 |
| 26-30 students per college counselor | 10.34\% | 6 |
| 31-35 students per college counselor | 20.69\% | 12 |
| 36-40 students per college counselor | 27.59\% | 16 |
| 41-45 students per college counselor | 17.24\% | 10 |
| 46-50 students per college counselor | 3.45\% | 2 |
| 51-60 students per college counselor | 3.45\% | 2 |
| Over 60 students per college counselor | 5.17\% | 3 |
| Total |  | 58 |

## Q24 Does the Director of College <br> Counseling have a reduced caseload?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $\mathbf{1 4 . 0 4 \%}$ |
| No | 8 |
| Total | $\mathbf{8 5 . 9 6 \%}$ |

## Q25 If so, approximately what percentage of students does the Director have in comparison to the other FTEs in the office? (Example: if the full time caseload is 60, and the Director has 45, then the Director has $75 \%$ of the typical FTE's caseload.)



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Less than $50 \%$ | $11.76 \%$ |
| $51 \%-60 \%$ | $17.65 \%$ |
| $61 \%-70 \%$ | 3 |
| $71 \%-80 \%$ | $17.65 \%$ |
| $81 \%$ or higher | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 5 . 2 9 \%}$ |

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## Q26 Are other full-time college counselors on a

Answered: 47 Skipped: 21


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 10 month contract? | $57.45 \%$ |
| 11 month contract? | $6.38 \%$ |
| 12 month contract? | 36 |
| Total | $36.17 \%$ |

## Q27 What other responsibilities do your other full-time counselors have? Please check all that apply.



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Teaching | $\mathbf{4 2 . 8 6 \%}$ |
| Coaching | 18 |
| Advising | $\mathbf{4 0 . 4 8 \%}$ |
| Residential | $\mathbf{7 6 . 1 9 \%}$ |
| Administrative duties | $\mathbf{3 2}$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{1 6 . 6 7 \%}$ |
| Total Respondents: $\mathbf{4 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 . 4 3 \%}$ |

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## Q28 Does the compensation for your other counselors include housing?

Answered: 50 Skipped: 18


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :--- |
| Yes | $14.00 \%$ |
| No | 8 |
| Total | $86.00 \%$ |

# Q29 Do college counselors have to use vacation days during school breaks? 



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Yes, counselors have to use vacation days since breaks are not included as time off | $\mathbf{7 . 1 4 \%}$ | 4 |
| No, all school breaks are included as time off | $\mathbf{8 0 . 3 6 \%}$ | 45 |
| Counselors receive some "free" days off during schools breaks, but otherwise have to use vacation days | $\mathbf{5 . 3 6 \%}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{7 . 1 4 \%}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 6}$ |  |

## Q30 Which of the following best describes <br> the education earned by other full-time college counselors in your office? Please check all that apply.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Bachelors | 42.55\% | 20 |
| Masters | 85.11\% | 40 |
| Doctoral | 14.89\% | 7 |
| Professional Degree - MBA, JD, etc. | 6.38\% | 3 |
| Total Respondents: 47 |  |  |

## Q31 Which of the following best describes the occupational background of other fulltime college counselors in your office? Please check all that apply.



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teaching | 48.98\% | 24 |
| College Admission | 67.35\% | 33 |
| Social/Emotional Counseling | 14.29\% | 7 |
| Independent Counselor | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Business World | 6.12\% | 3 |
| Legal world | 6.12\% | 3 |
| Other (please specify) | 12.24\% | 6 |
| Total Respondents: 49 |  |  |

# Q32 Which of the following best describes the support staff available to your office? Please check all that apply. 



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| We have no support beyond the counselor or counselors | 8.62\% | 5 |
| We share an administrative assistant with another office | 32.76\% | 19 |
| We have our own full-time administrative assistant | 41.38\% | 24 |
| We have our own part-time administrative assistant | 17.24\% | 10 |
| We have more than one administrative assistant | 0.00\% | 0 |
| We have a registrar in addition to an administrative assistant | 25.86\% | 15 |
| Total Respondents: 58 |  |  |

## Q33 Does your school use its own Secondary School Report?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 11


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $\mathbf{3 8 . 6 0 \%}$ |
| No | $\mathbf{2 2}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{6 1 . 4 0 \%}$ |

## Q34 Do you evaluate the rigor of a student's curriculum, either on your own SSR or on the Common Application?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $\mathbf{6 6 . 6 7 \%}$ |
| No | $\mathbf{3 8}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 3 . 3 3 \%}$ |

## Q35 Which best describes your school's policy on the disclosure of discipline to colleges:




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## Q36 Which best describes your school's policy regarding the reporting of GPAs?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| We do not report GPA. | $\mathbf{3 1 . 5 8 \%}$ |
| We report a cumulative unweighted GPA. | 18 |
| We report a cumulative weighted GPA. | 10 |
| We report GPA for individual terms/years but not a cumulative one. | $\mathbf{1 7 . 5 4 \%}$ |
| Some combination of three above options. | $\mathbf{3 3 . 3 3 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{5 . 2 6 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{7}$ |  |

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## Q37 Which of the following best describes the way in which you provide context about your school's grading?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 11


| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| We provide a junior year grade distribution by course | 24.56\% | 14 |
| We provide a breakdown of cumulative GPAs | 14.04\% | 8 |
| We provide class rank | 0.00\% | 0 |
| We provide a distribution for grades earned in junior classes only | 8.77\% | 5 |
| We provide the highest and lowest GPA | 5.26\% | 3 |
| We provide no context | 19.30\% | 11 |
| Other (please specify) | 28.07\% | 16 |
| Total |  | 57 |

## Q38 Do college counselors in your office take days out of the office as "writing days"?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $49.12 \%$ |
| No | 28 |
| Total | $50.88 \%$ |

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## Q39 Do you limit the number of applications a student can submit?



# Q40 Which best describes the matriculation information that your school provides publicly? 



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| We provide a list of schools to which our students have been accepted over a span of years | 28.57\% | 16 |
| We provide a list of schools to which our students have matriculated over a span of years | 39.29\% | 22 |
| We provide the number of actual matriculants to schools over a span of years | 14.29\% | 8 |
| We provide the number of actual matriculants to schools for each graduating class | 10.71\% | 6 |
| We provide the number of actual matriculants to schools for each class and over a span of years | 7.14\% | 4 |
| Total |  | 56 |

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## Q41 Do you track your graduates' performance while in college?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | $\mathbf{1 . 7 9 \%}$ |
| No | $\mathbf{8}$ |
| If yes, how do you track this data? | $\mathbf{8 0 . 3 6 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 7 . 8 6 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 l}$ |  |

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## Q42 When do you assign students to counselors?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 11



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ninth grade | 15.79\% | 9 |
| First semester of 10th grade year | 3.51\% | 2 |
| Second semester of 10th grade year | 12.28\% | 7 |
| First semester of 11th grade year | 15.79\% | 9 |
| Second semester of 11th grade year | 42.11\% | 24 |
| Senior year | 0.00\% | 0 |
| Other (please specify) | 10.53\% | 6 |
| Total |  | 57 |

## Q43 Does your office run a college <br> counseling class?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 11


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :--- |
| Yes | $\mathbf{5 2 . 6 3 \%}$ |
| No | $\mathbf{3 0}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{4 7 . 3 7 \%}$ |

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## Q44 Does your office use any of the following practices in working with families?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mindfulness exercises | $\mathbf{6 6 . 6 7 \%}$ |
| Design thinking | $\mathbf{6}$ |
| Social identity theory | $\mathbf{2 2 . 2 2 \%}$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{1 1 . 1 1 \%}$ |
| Total Respondents: 9 | $\mathbf{2 2 . 2 2 \%}$ |

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## Q45 If you run a college counseling class, how frequently do you meet with students?



| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Every day | $0.00 \%$ |
| Once a week (or rotation) | $\mathbf{0}$ |
| Once every other week (or rotation) | $\mathbf{6 7 . 7 4 \%}$ |
| Once a month | $\mathbf{9 . 6 8 \%}$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{3 . 2 3 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 9 . 3 5 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{3 1}$ |  |

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## Q46 Do you host a financial aid event oncampus?

Answered: 57 Skipped: 11


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :--- | :--- |
| Yes | $\mathbf{7 7 . 1 9 \%}$ |
| No | $\mathbf{2 2 . 8 1 \%}$ |
| Total | 13 |

## Q47 Do you discuss financial aid with students and families directly?



| Answer Choices | Responses |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 53 |  |
| No | 2 |  |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{9 2 . 9 8 \%}$ |  |
| Total | $3.51 \%$ | $3.51 \%$ |

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## Q48 Does your school provide test preparation in-house?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 12


| Answer Choices | Responses |
| :---: | :---: |
| Yes | 26 |
| No | $46.43 \%$ |
| Other (please specify) | $\mathbf{3 9 . 2 9 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 4 . 2 9 \%}$ |
| $\mathbf{5 6}$ |  |

