

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Education
Glenbrook School District 225

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RE: Post-High School Study Follow-up

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Introduction

Through the District Comprehensive Planning Process initiated in November 2005, a post-graduate study was cited as a need in several different areas. This presentation is a follow-up to the report presented to the Board last May. Statistical information regarding our students' transition to college along with state and national comparative statistics will be presented. Information includes statistics from the National Student Clearinghouse and other data sources as well as responses to a post-graduation survey administered by the schools through Naviance. In addition, an overview of recent revisions to the college counseling curriculum in response to the changing needs of students and families in the areas of financial aid, transition to college and the expanded use of Naviance will be presented.

Comparative Statistics

College Enrollment Rates

Glenbrook High School Average:	96-98%
Illinois Average:	57.4% ²
United States Average:	63.3% ²

College Retention Rates (College Freshmen returning their second year)

Glenbrook High School Average:	95% ¹
Illinois Average:	71.7% ²
United States Average:	74.7% ²
Public US Average:	65.6% ³
Private US Average:	69.0% ³

¹ National Student Clearinghouse Report

² The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (2008 data)

³ ACT (2011)

National Student Clearinghouse

The Clearinghouse is a non-profit organization comprising more than 3,300 colleges and universities that enroll over 92% of all postsecondary students. These institutions continuously update our [Clearinghouse] database of more than 93 million college student records (National Student Clearinghouse, www.studentclearinghouse.org).

For the last three years the district has obtained post-high school data from the National Student Clearinghouse through a feature called *Student Tracker* that provides data to high schools regarding their graduates as they progress through college.

Naviance Post-Graduation Survey

For the last several years, the web-based program, Naviance, has become an invaluable resource for Glenbrook students, parents and staff. Naviance helps our students navigate the college process and provides data in context regarding admission decisions, college representative contact information, a calendar of college representative visits, career information and planning, email functions, survey distribution, a new e-Docs feature and much more.

Survey of 2011 Graduates

Q: Overall, how would you describe your academic preparation for College?

N=228

Excellent	47.8%
Good	40.4%
Average	8.8%
Fair	1.9%
Poor	1.3%

To put this into context, an Associated Press survey (April 19, 2011), reported that only 56% of young people say their [high] school did a good or excellent job at preparing them for further education.

Conclusions/Next Steps

Glenbrook students attend college at higher rates than their counterparts both statewide and nationally. More importantly, our students' retention rates from the first year to the second year of college exceed that of their peers. Retention rates coupled with the qualitative survey of our students through Naviance support the premise that Glenbrook students are academically well prepared for college. Our students leave our high schools "college ready."

The schools will continue to gather and reflect upon data from the National Student Clearinghouse *Student Tracker* system on an annual basis. College Counselors will use Naviance in conducting follow-up surveys of our graduates each year. This data will be used as the schools review their work with students and families in the college planning process and obtain feedback regarding the academic program offered at each high school.