READY OR NOT: THE STUDENTS BEHIND THE STATISTICS

Plenary Presentation to the Appalachian Higher Education Network

STUDENT VOICE TEAM
PRICHARD COMMITTEE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
WHO WE ARE

- 100 plus members
- Statewide
- Ages 11-21
- Self-selected
WHAT WE DO

- Extend the reach of the Prichard Committee
- Amplify and elevate student voice
- Support students as partners to improve Kentucky schools
HOW WE DO IT

A Student Voice Team member interviews students in a small roundtable discussion.
WHAT IS STUDENT VOICE?

• Supporting students as active partners in our own learning and school decision-making.
WHAT IS MEANINGFUL STUDENT VOICE?

- Expression, Consultation
- Participation
- Partnership
- Activism
- Leadership
WHAT IS EXTRA MEANINGFUL STUDENT VOICE?
COLLEGE READINESS

Student Voice Case Study
READY OR NOT
SCHOOL VISITS & INTERVIEWS
Significant numbers of Kentucky students are not sold on the value of college in their lives.

Is College Necessary?

- No: 40%
- Yes: 60%
FINDING 2

- Family support can make a significant difference, yet too many Kentucky students feel they don’t have it.

Do your parents care about your academic performance?

No 20%
FINDING 3

- The primary tool to measure college readiness reflects and possibly even perpetuates inequity.

Did you take the ACT more than once?

- 15%
- No, couldn't afford it
FINDING 4

- Kentucky has a school counseling crisis.

Have you had a meaningful discussion about readiness with a counselor?

No
50%
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COLLEGE TRIPWIRES
READY OR NOT
Stories from the Students Behind the Statistics

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