

Class of 2004

Comparison of the Current and Previous Follow-up Surveys of graduates from Polk County Public Schools

The purpose of our annual follow-up survey is to determine if graduates are currently **EMPLOYED** (full or part-time), **ENROLLED** (in a post-secondary program), **or ENLISTED** (in the military).

➡ Class of 2004

Once again we attempted to contact 100% of the graduating class – 4,480 graduates. We were successful in contacting 2,501 (55.83%) of those graduates.

At the time of the survey:

- 36.11% (903) graduates were employed full-time
- 26.95% (674) graduates were employed part-time
- 59.54% (1,489) graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 3.52% (88) graduates were enlisted in the military

➡ Class of 2003

Once again we attempted to contact 100% of the graduating class - 3,789 graduates. We were successful in contacting 2,553 (67.4%) of those graduates.

At the time of the survey:

- 30.7% (783) graduates were employed full-time
- 33.0% (842) graduates were employed part-time
- 63.5% (1,621) graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 4.4% (111) graduates were enlisted in the military

➡ Class of 2002

Once again we attempted to contact 100% of the graduating class - 4,027 graduates. We were successful in contacting 2,922 (72.5%) of those graduates during the survey period of September 18 through October 30, 2003.

At the time of the survey:

- 32.7% (955) graduates were employed full-time
- 29.1% (850) graduates were employed part-time
- 60.4% (1,764) graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 5.3% (156) graduates were enlisted in the military

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Comparison of the Current Year and Previous Surveys

➡ Class of 2001

For the class of 2001 we increased the number of graduates to be surveyed to include all 3,492 members of the class. We were successful in contacting 2,085 (59.7%) of those graduates during the September 14 through October 30, 2002 survey period.

At the time of the survey:

- 28.2% (587) graduates were employed full-time
- 30.5% (636) graduates were employed part-time
- 64.4% (1,343) graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 5.8% (121) graduates were enlisted in the military

➡ Class of 2000

In September of 2001, we began the survey of the class of 2000 and were able to contact 1,327 of the 3,312 graduates. During this survey we selected for contact 2,338 graduates. This included all of the graduates who were classified as vocational students while in high school. Random samples of 60 non-vocational students from each school were selected for the survey. If a school had less than 60 non-vocational students, 100% of the class was included in the survey. We were successful in contacting 56.8% of those graduates.

At the time of the survey:

- 33.5% (444) graduates were employed full-time
- 32.9% (436) graduates were employed part-time
- 64.3% (853) graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 6.1% (81) graduates were enlisted in the military

➡ Class of 1999

Our follow-up surveying began in the fall of 2000 when we selected for contact 1,204 graduates. Contact was made with 765 members of the 3,582 students who graduated in the class of 1999. This included all of the graduates who were classified as vocational students while in high school. Random samples of 30 non-vocational students from each school were selected for the survey. If a school had less than 30 non-vocational students then 100% of the class was included for surveying. We were successful in contacting 63.5% of those graduates.

At the time of the survey:

- 37.5% (287) of the graduates were employed full-time
- 28.9% (221) of the graduates were employed part-time
- 57.9% (443) of the graduates were enrolled in a post-secondary program
- 6.1% (47) of the graduates were enlisted in the military

These totals are more than 100% due to many of our graduates being involved in more than one of the three areas being surveyed: employment, enrollment, and enlistment.