

THORHILD CENTRAL SCHOOL: SCHOOL COUNCIL



Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022

7:00 PM

Zoom Call, School Foyer

1. Call to order at 6:51 pm.

In attendance: Leah Schryver, April Bauer, Harco Middelkamp, David Amiot, Candice Deveau, Jamie Green, Pat Topolniski, Kristy Krause, Rhonda Pawlik, Krystal Croswell, Kelly Feledichuk, Melissa Schwab

2. Approval of Agenda: Addition 7.2: School Council Conference recap. Krystal approved agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: Pat approved minutes.

4. Trustee Report: Report by April Bauer attached for full details.

5. Principal's Report: Report by David Amiot attached for full details.

6. Old Business

6.1 Pancake Breakfast Recap: There was a lot of volunteers signed up and extra showed up. All groceries were from Co-op to support local. Pancake breakfast was made in the foods room and served in the hallway out the door. Next time, we will serve in the foyer again for more room and flow.

7. New Business

7.1 Pancake breakfast future date: June is a busy time at TCS and would be tough to fit another breakfast in this year. The next breakfast will be the first week of school for 2022/2023 school year.

7.2 Alberta School Council Conference: Melissa Schwab attended all 3 days of the conference this year. The main theme was about compassion for others and in the school system. There were many great speakers and break-out sessions. There was some great ideas brought back to the school/council.

8. Parking lot:

8.1 None to report

9. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on June 20 at 7:00 pm at the school and via Zoom meeting.

10. Adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Thorhild School Council May 2022-Trustee's Report

We are planning an Indigenous Flag raising ceremony at Division Office in June.

Aspen View held their annual staff recognition awards in Thorhild May 6.

We had a presentation from the Technology Department at the last Board meeting. Schools and divisions are under attack 24/7/365 and cyber security has had a significant impact on our insurance. We need to remember that we cannot sacrifice security for convenience. AVPS moved to a VOIP phone system that will allow up to 60 simultaneous phone calls to accommodate Parent Teacher phone interviews. This move saved 60% in phone costs. New wireless tech across the division has shown a savings of \$115k.

We are doing our Board and Superintendent Evaluations in house, completed May 16.

Rochester Viability process resulted in a unanimous vote to not close the school. Subsequent motion:

Chairman Nikipelo moved that the Board of Trustees of Aspen View Public Schools continue to operate Rochester School for the 2022-2023 school year. Further that administration provide enrollment numbers as of September 30, 2022 and a discussion will be held and a path forward for Rochester School be determined effective the 2023-2024 school year.

TCS hosted the first Annual Robotics Tournament May 11. There were over 300 students competing that day. Very excited to see the division continue this tournament next year.

TCS's own Taylor Vaughan is AVPS nominee for the Edwin Parr first year teacher award. Although she is already a winner to us, we wish her luck at the banquet May 27.

Next Board meeting May 26 at WHPS

Principal's Report - May 16, 2022

1. Grade 7-12 Survey Results: High School Programming & Post Graduation
 - **Mrs. Kelly Feledichuk** organized and oversaw this survey at TCS
 - Mrs. Feledichuk to deliver survey results presentation to School Council this evening (presentation is attached to this document)
 - Grade 7-12 classes completed this survey from January 11th to February 4th
 - Total of 91 responses: Overall response rate of 79.8%

2. Upcoming Career Events for JH/SH students
 - QuickConnect @ Athabasca Multiplex on May 18th for Grade 10 & 11 students (15 in total)
 - Alpac Tour scheduled on May 25th for any students selected across AVPS (after QuickConnect, students will be selected from the division)
 - Alpac job shadow on June 1st (after the tour, students will be selected) Provincials in Red Deer Update

3. Drama
 - Message from Drama Teacher, **Mr. Shaun Kiselyk**:
 - The festival was an awesome experience. The festival is more of a celebration of art than a competition. There were a total of 18 schools competing from across the province. Many of these schools are from large centers with large populations and massive budgets for sets and costumes. The chance to be audience members for the shows performed by these schools is an awesome learning experience for the kids.
 - Our performance was a crowd favorite. We showed we belonged on that stage every bit as much as the big schools. The kids performed admirably and received an immediate standing ovation at curtain call and another huge ovation upon being recognized when reentering the theater to watch the next show on the schedule.
 - The festival was everything we hoped it would be from a personal performance level and from an audience member perspective.
 - Red Deer audience standing ovation for our students video is posted on the TCS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThorhildCentral/>

4. K-3 Curriculum Introductory Sessions
 - Newly hired Associate Superintendent of Curriculum & Technology, **Ms. Katherine Mann**, will be delivering sessions for K-3 teachers regarding the new provincial curriculum
 - June 13th - Whispering Hills Primary School: Kindergarten & Grade 1 teachers (including French Immersion)
 - June 14th - Thorhild Central School: Grade 2 and Grade 3 teachers (including French Immersion)

5. Final Exams Schedule for Grades 7-12

- Posted on our school website: <https://tcs.aspenview.org/> • Posted on the TCS Facebook page as well

6. Stage Curtains Donation

- Thorhild County resident, **Mr. Roy Kubica**, generously covered the full cost of brand new stage curtains for our school
- Total amount: \$24,586.80
- TCS is extremely grateful for this wonderful gift!

High School Programming & Post Graduation Survey

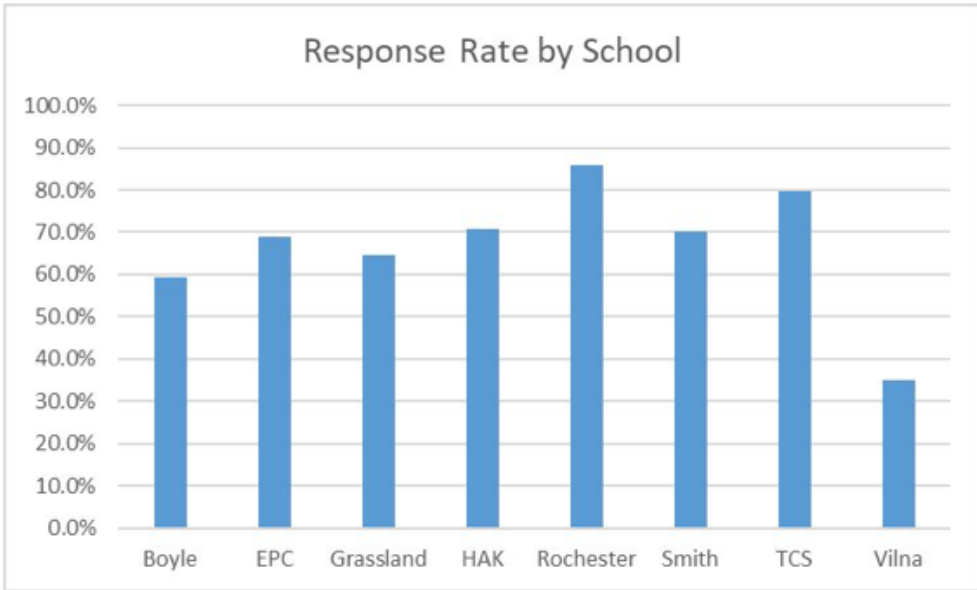
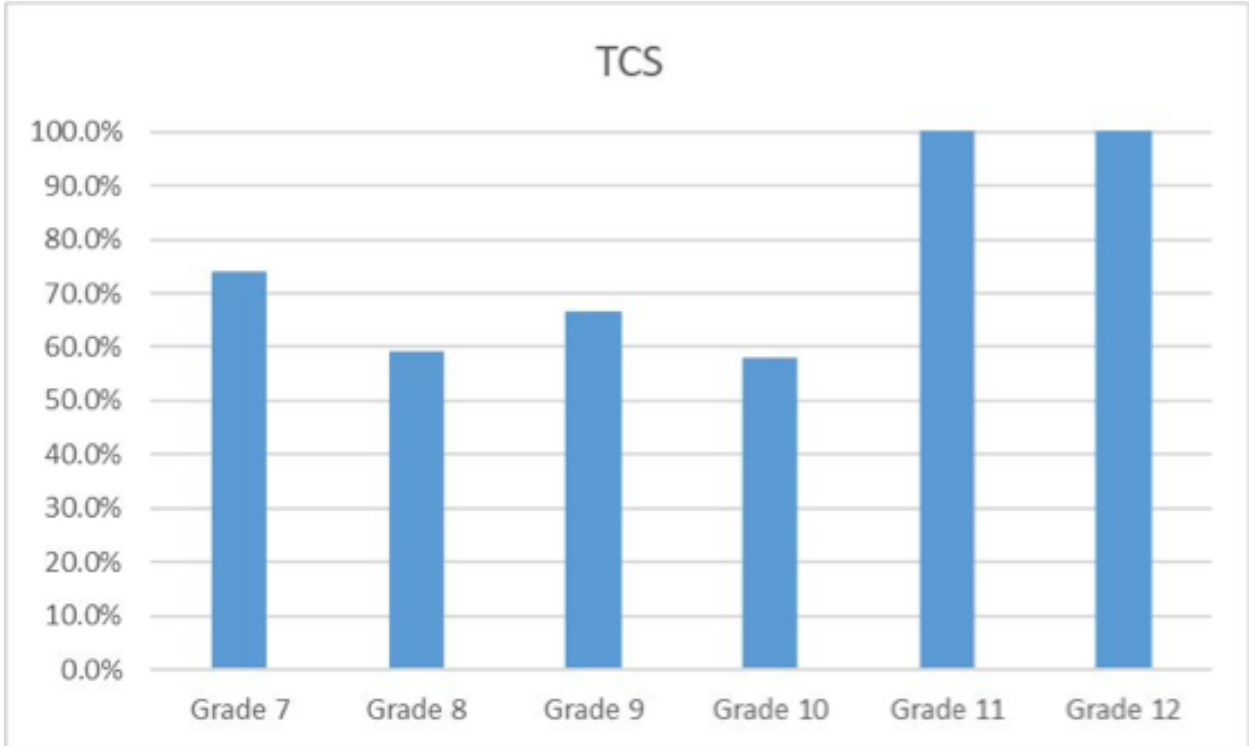


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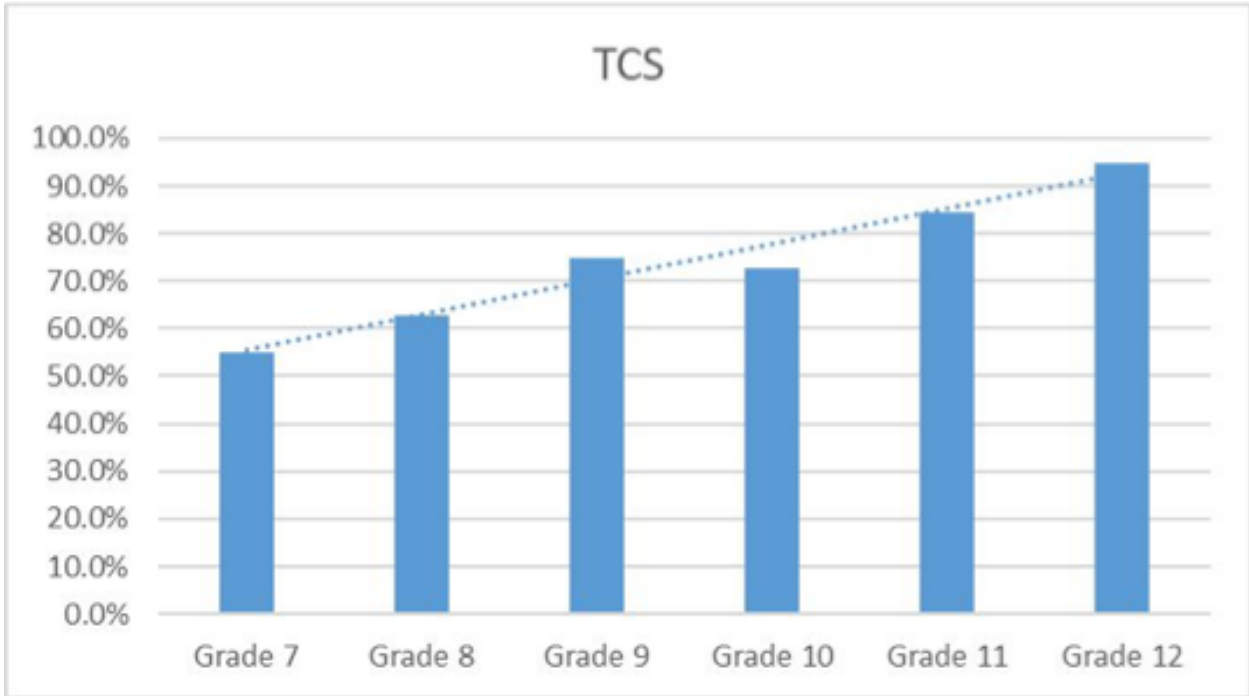
- ● Survey conducted from Jan. 11-Feb. 4, 2022
- ● Total of 91 responses; overall response rate of 79.8%
- ● Grade-by-grade results reflect unique cohorts; moving forward,

year-over-year results for each grade will more accurately reflect trends

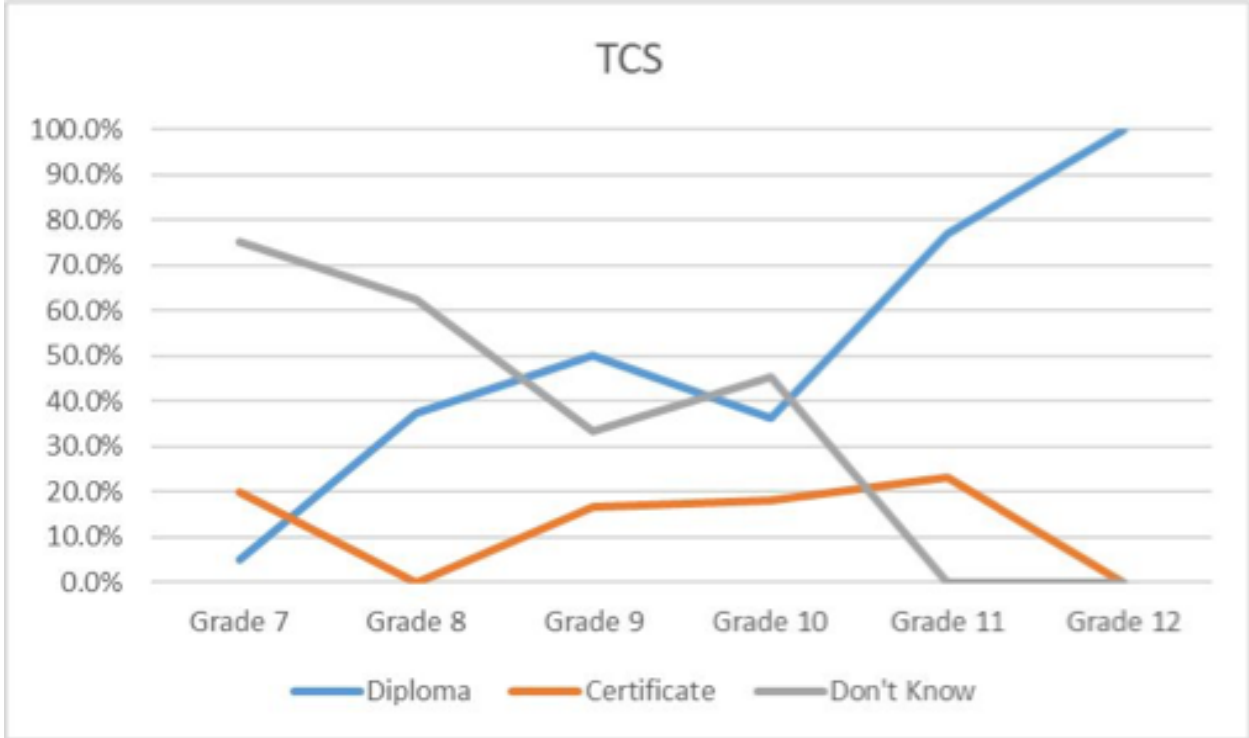
Response Rate by Grade



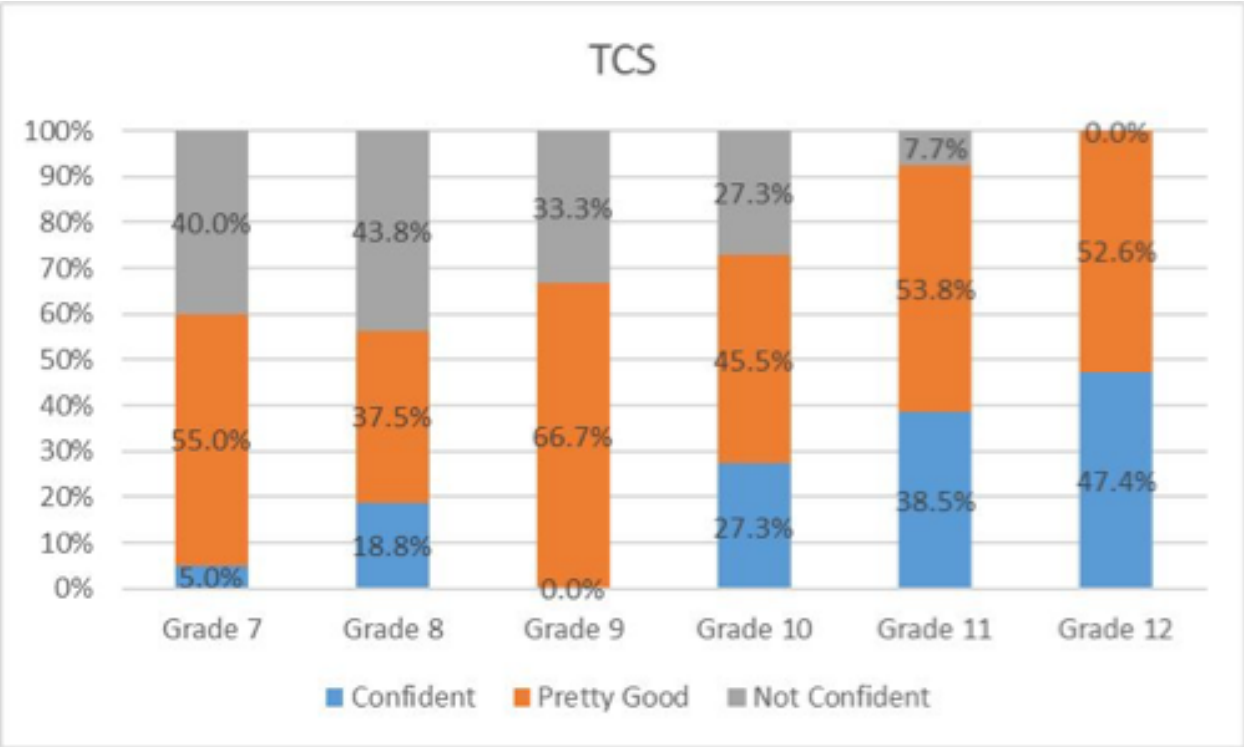
How well do you feel you understand high school courses and streams?



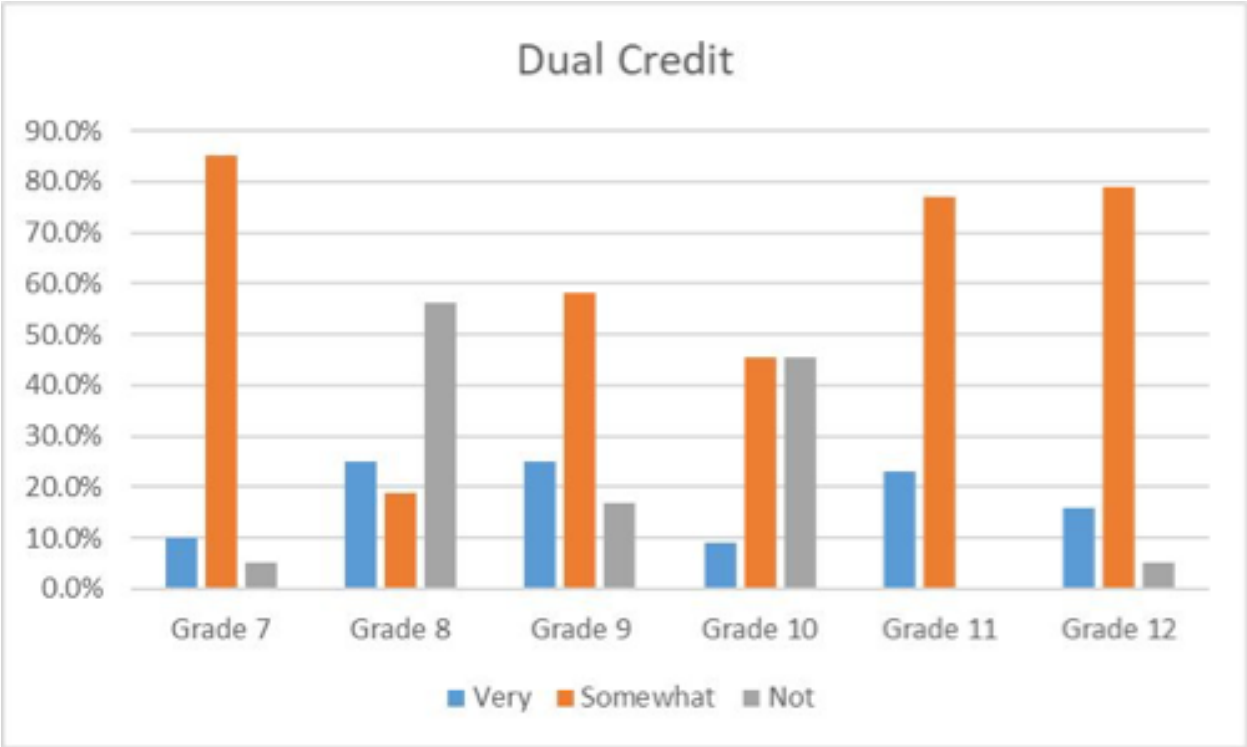
Do you know what courses you need to earn a high school diploma or certificate of achievement?



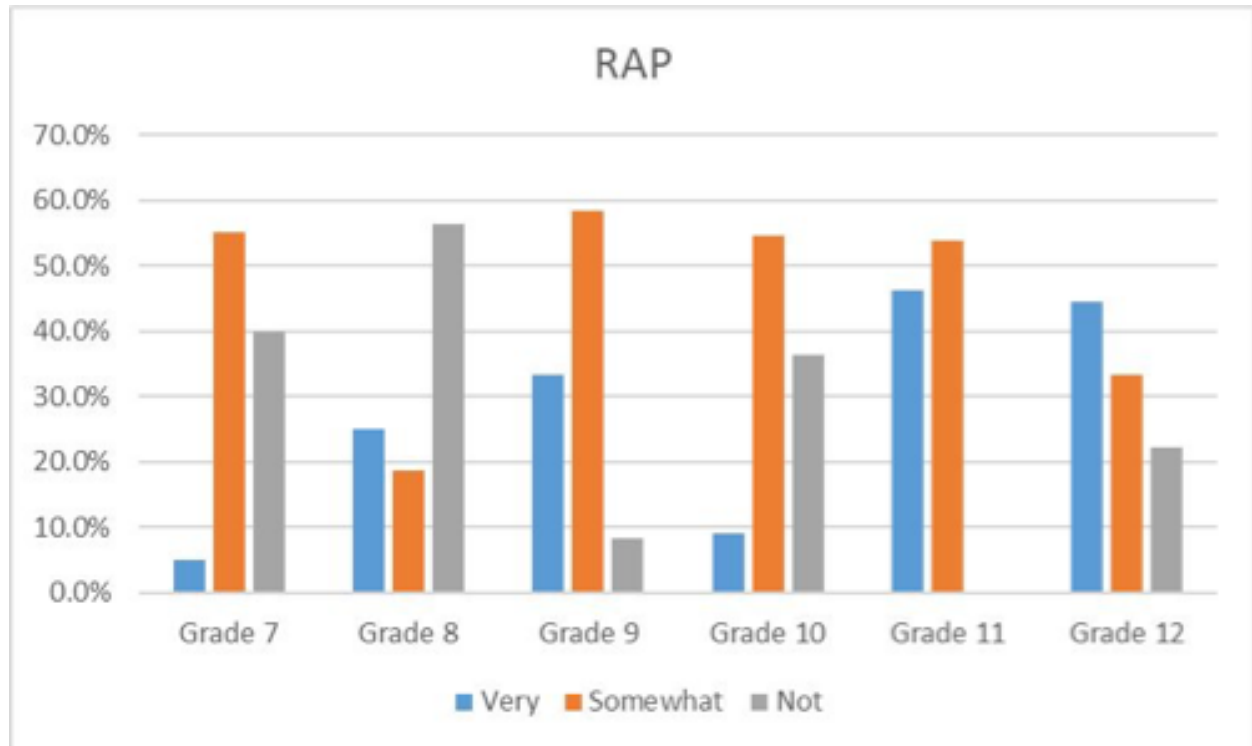
How do you feel about your own high school program plan?



How familiar are you with the following alternative programs?



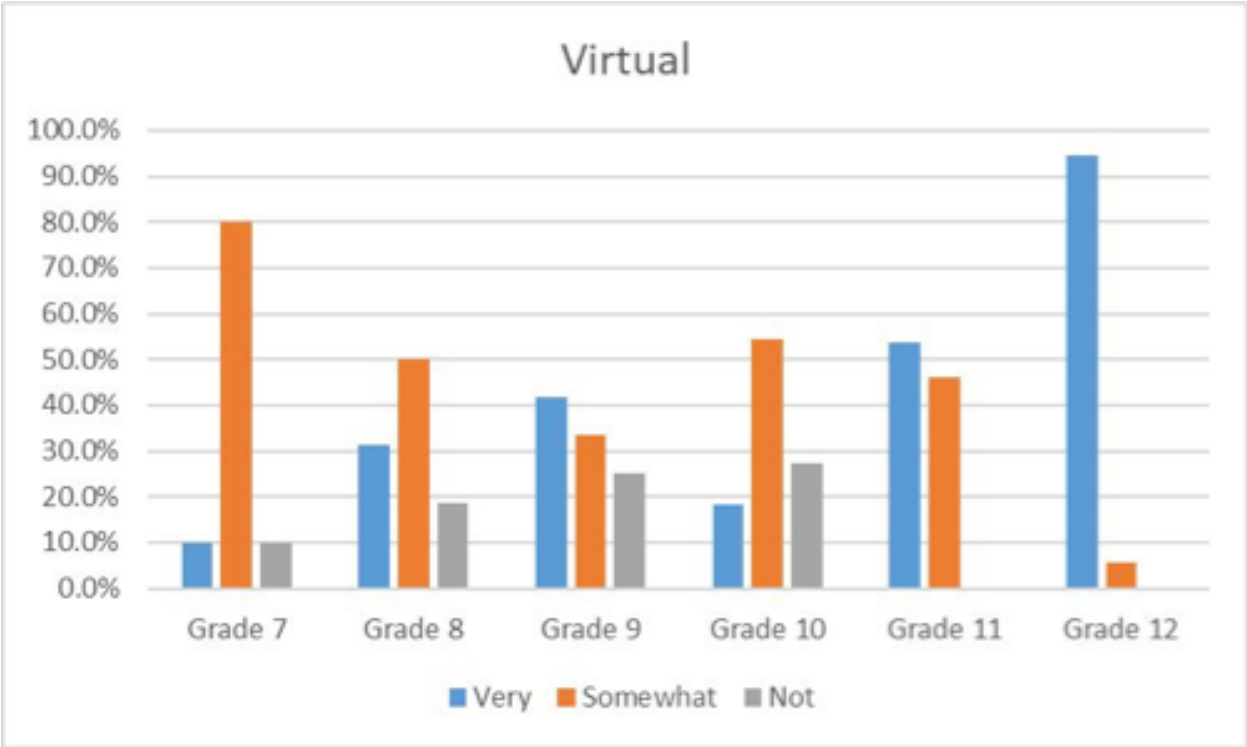
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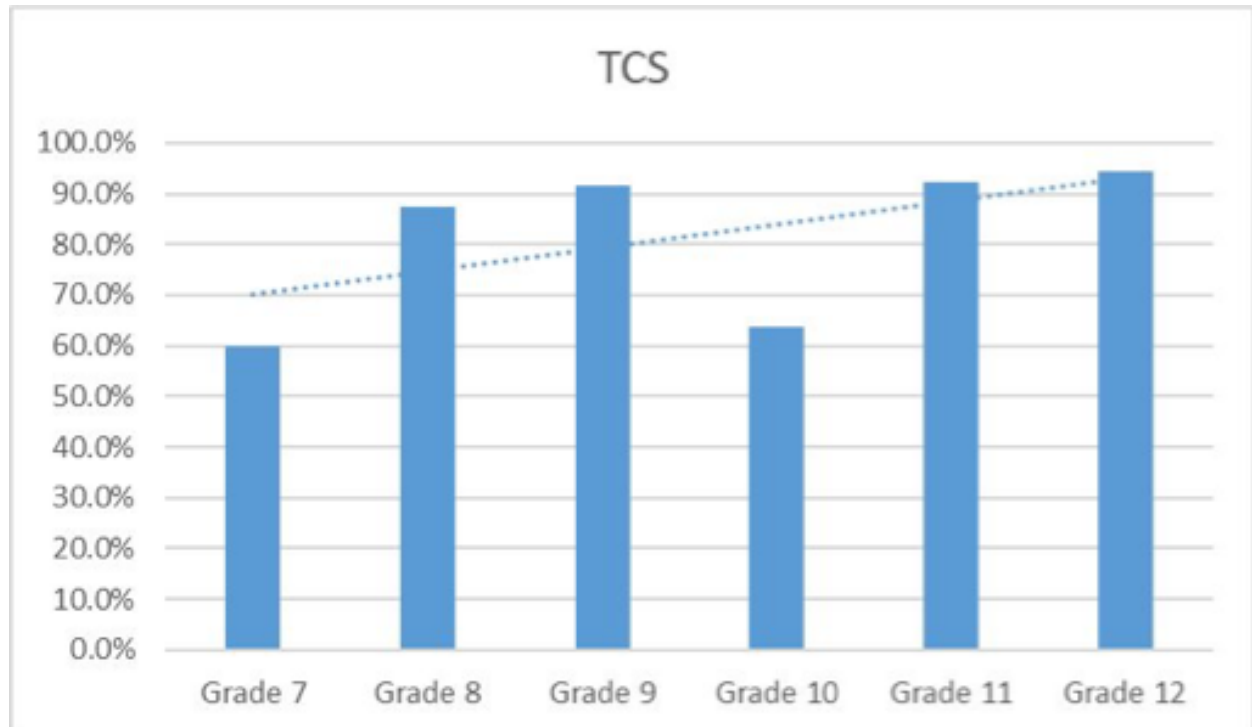
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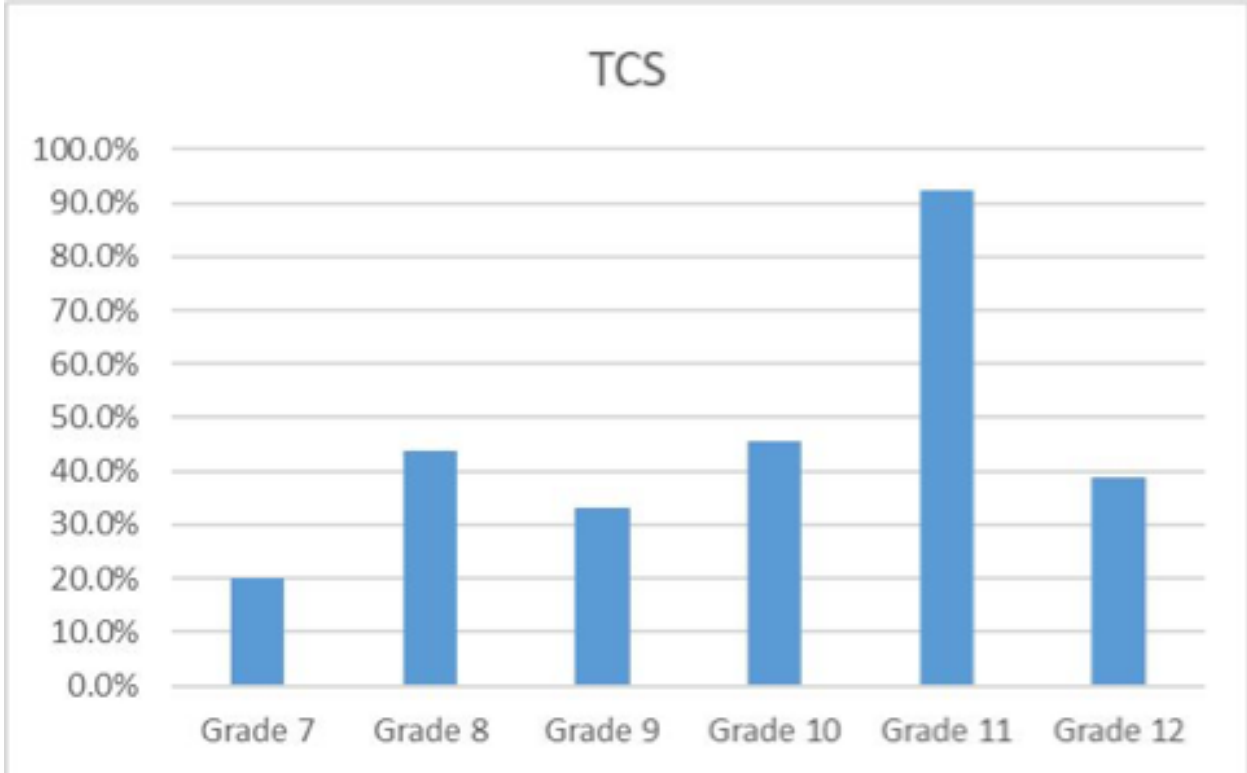
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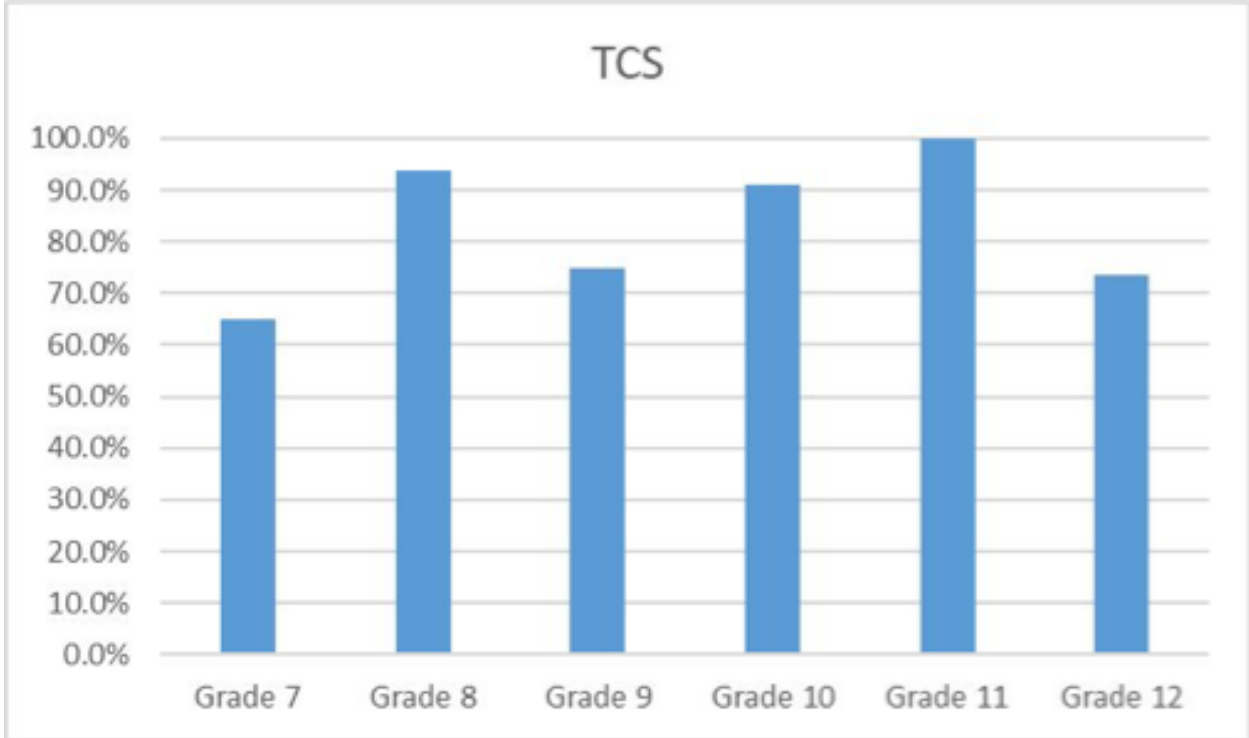
Are you able to access your marks through PowerSchool?



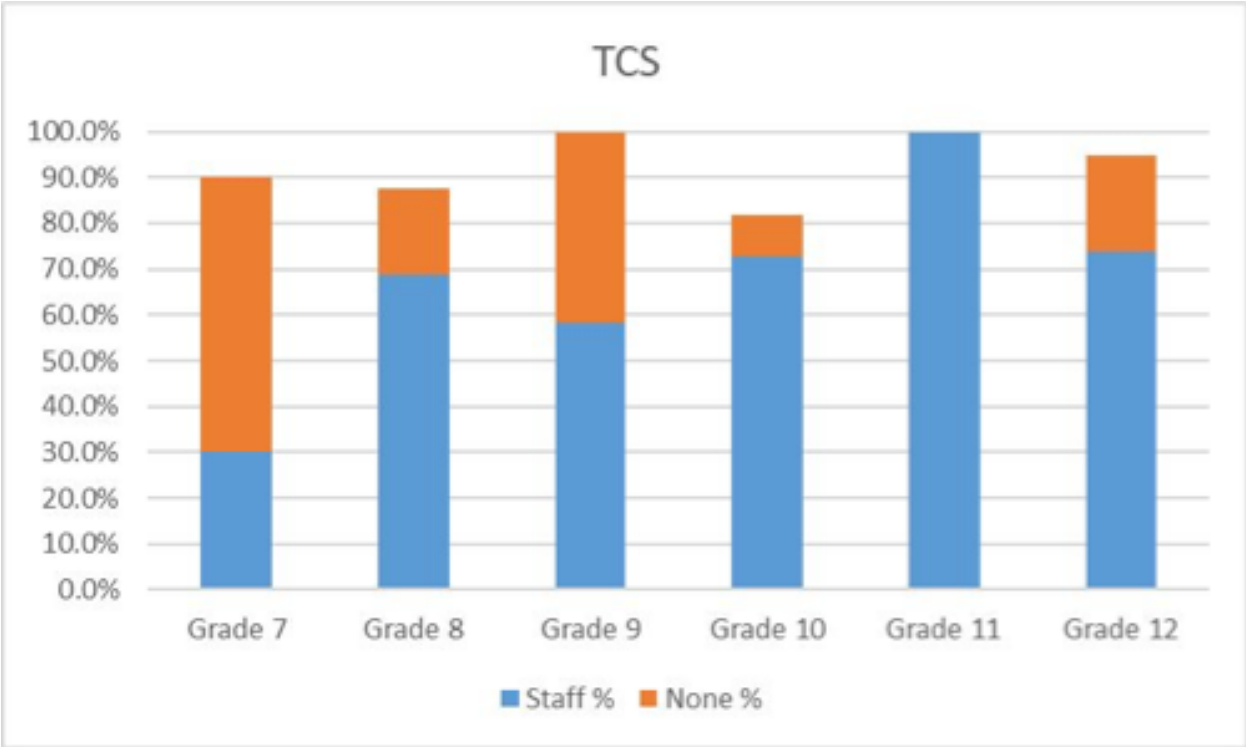
How familiar are you with MyPass?



How often have you used MyBlueprint?



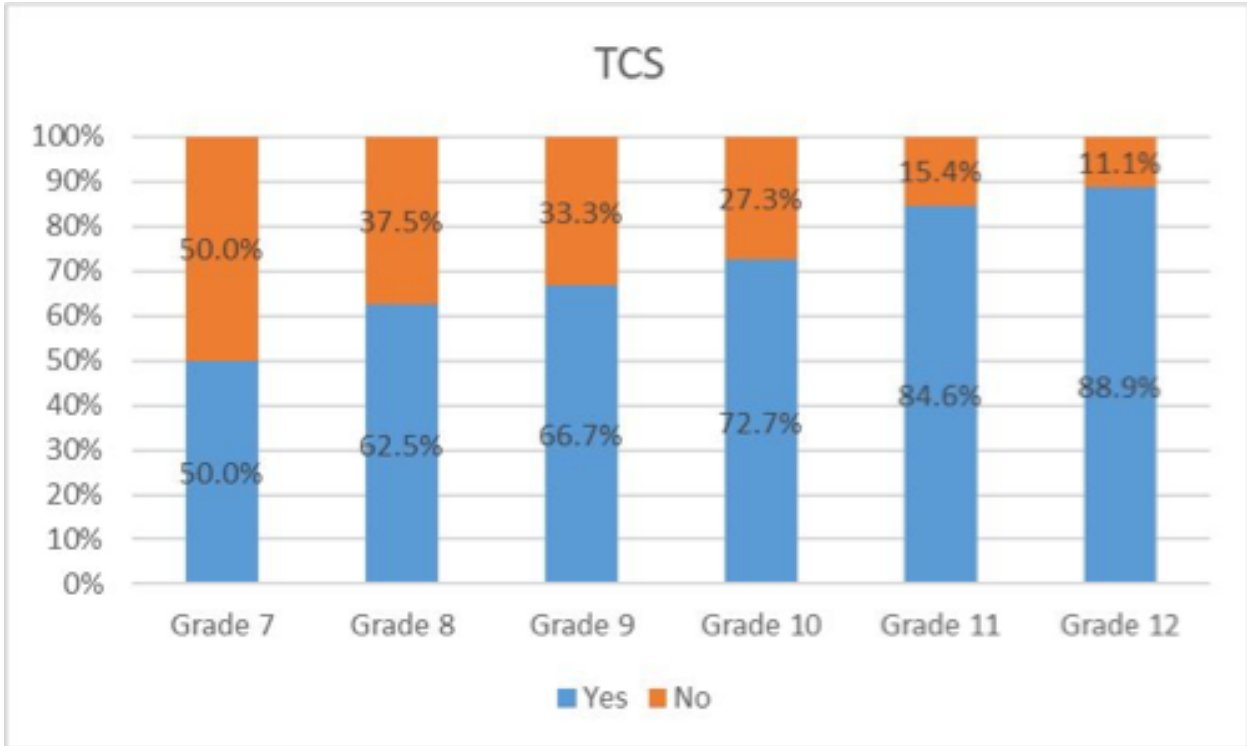
Have you received assistance with MyBlueprint?



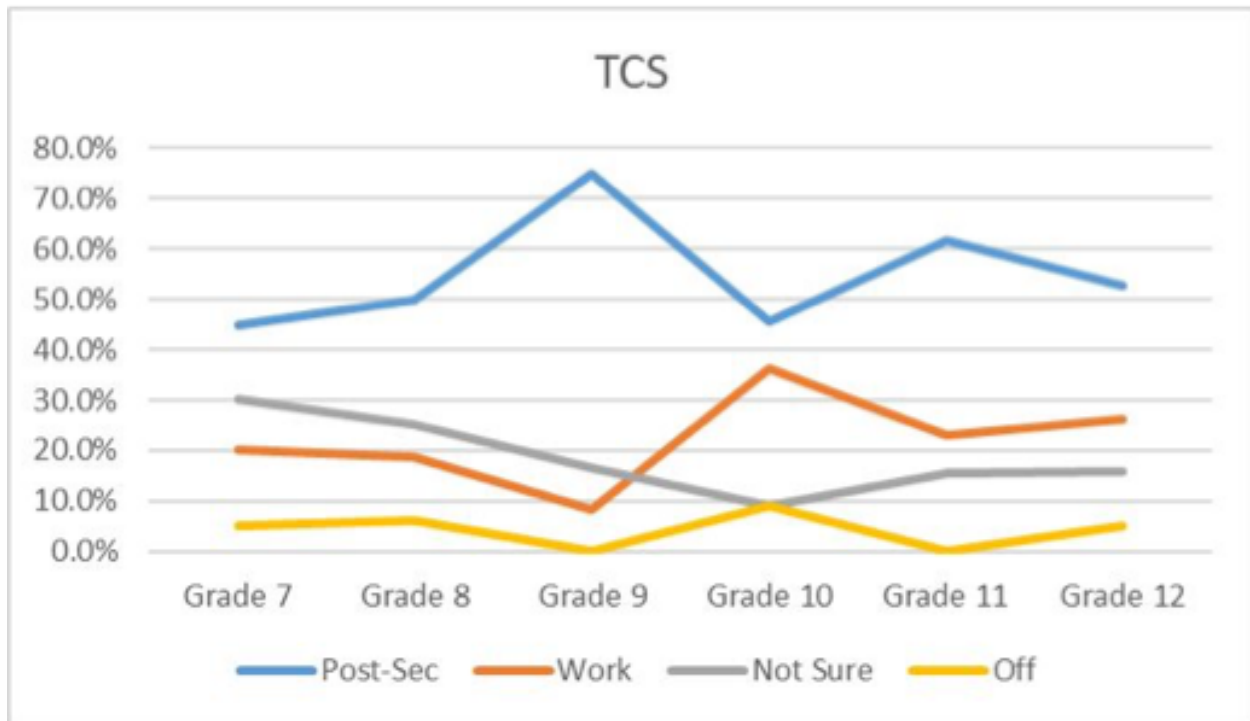
Have you discussed career options with your parents/guardians?



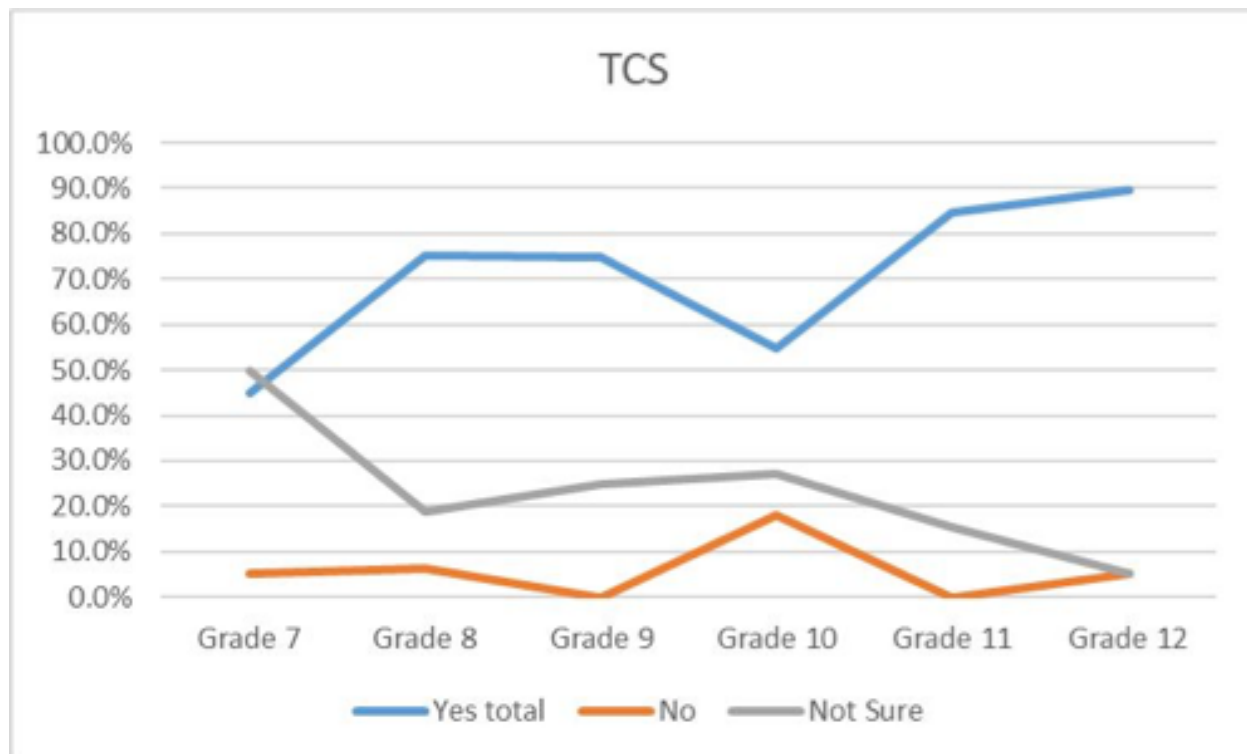
Do you know who to go to in your school to talk about courses or career planning?



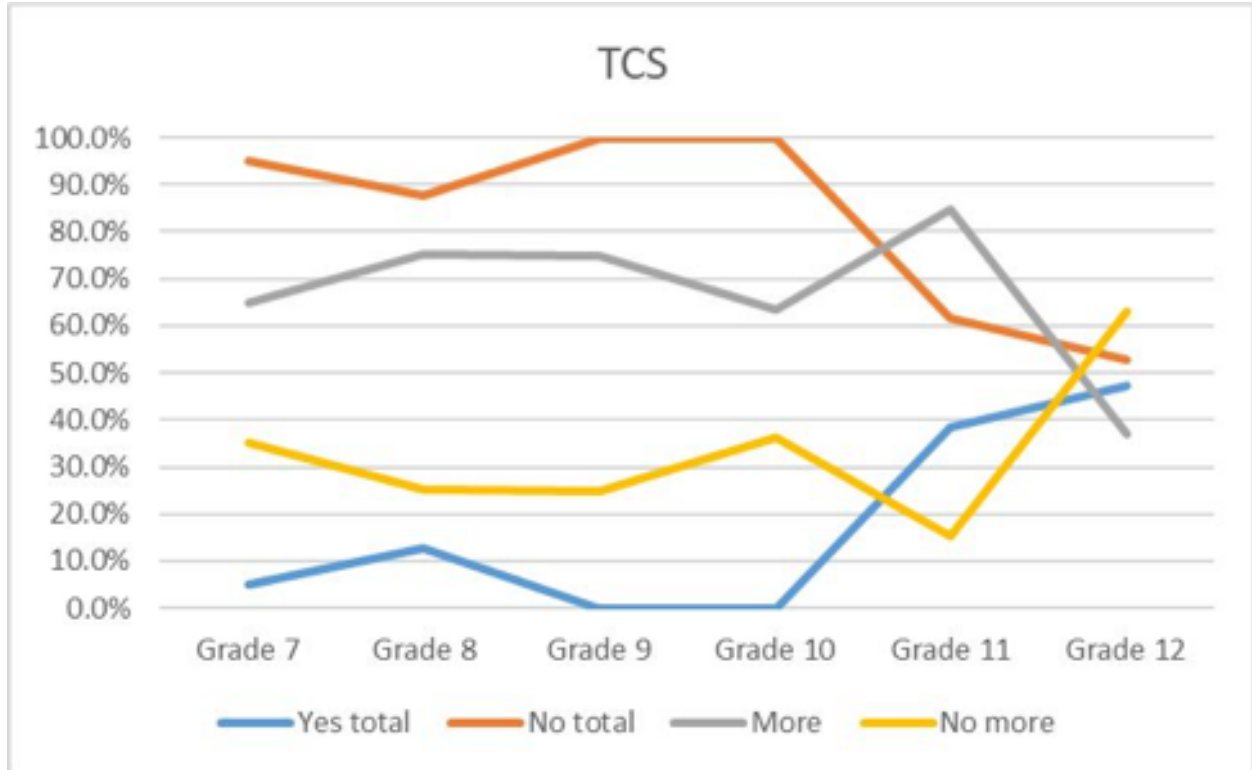
What do you plan to do in the year after you graduate?



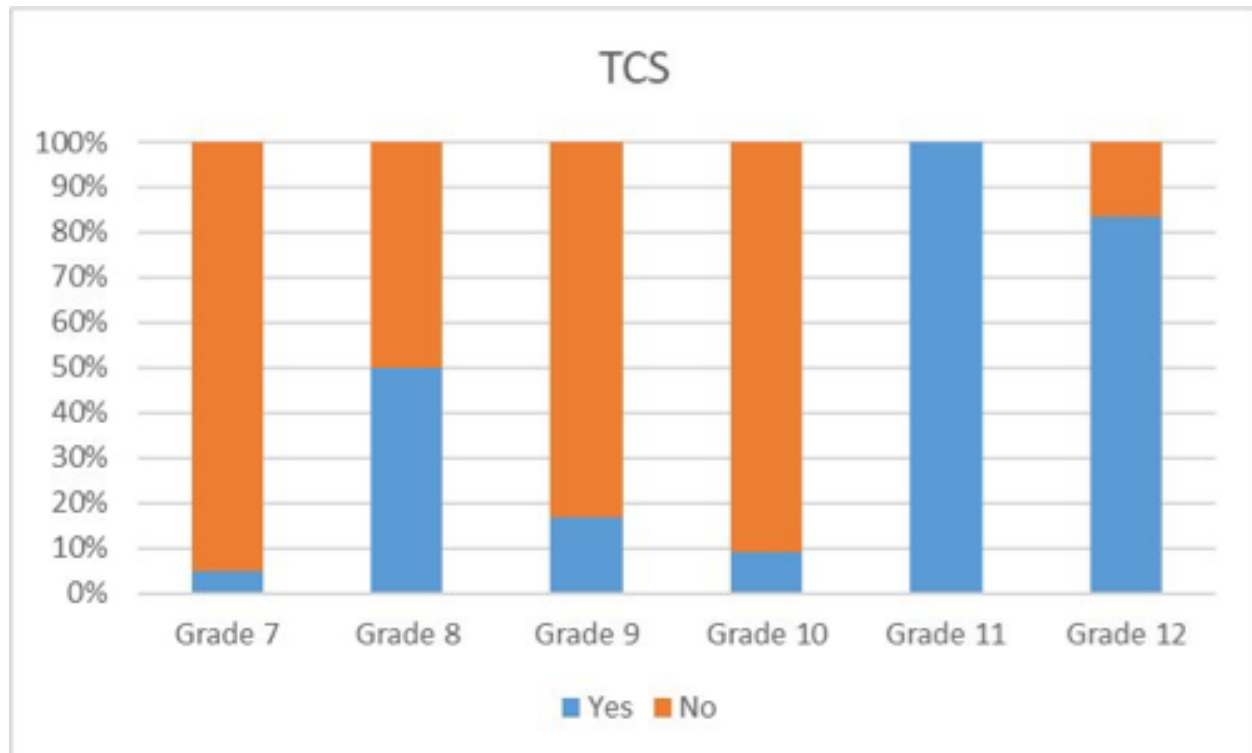
Do you plan to attend post-secondary at some point?



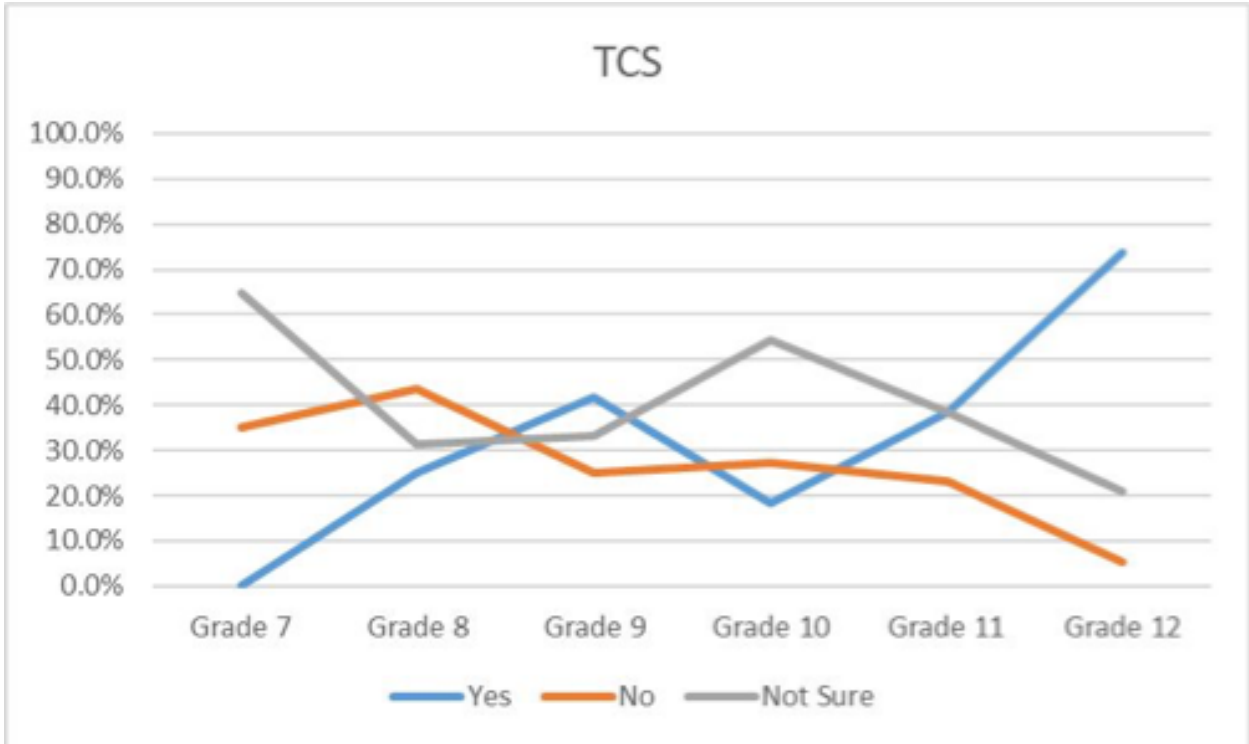
Have you ever attended a career fair (either in-person or virtually) and would you like to attend more?



Have you ever created a resume or portfolio?



Do you know what courses you need to go into your chosen post-secondary program?



How aware are you of scholarship opportunities?

