

# Spring 2024 Barr Engage New England Student Survey - Promise High School Full Report

SRI Education researchers surveyed Promise High School (Promise) students in spring 2024. At Promise, 94 out of 94 students responded to the survey, for a school response rate of 100%. Across the Beyond ENE initiative, 403 out of 632 students responded to the survey, for an initiative response rate of 64%.

This report presents item-level responses of students from Promise. As a comparison, we also present the distribution of school means (mean, standard deviation, minimum, and maximum) for the 5 Beyond ENE schools.

**Table 1. Sense of Belonging**

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Sense of Belonging (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.60	0.79	1.50	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.78	0.21	3.55	4.07
<b>People at this school are friendly to me.</b>					
Promise	94	3.90	0.76	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.97	0.25	3.64	4.35
<b>Other students here like me the way I am.</b>					
Promise	94	3.62	0.93	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.72	0.15	3.58	3.97
<b>People at my school care if I am absent.</b>					
Promise	94	3.28	1.15	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.63	0.25	3.28	3.94
<b>People really listen to me when I am at school.</b>					
Promise	94	3.53	0.98	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.73	0.26	3.41	4.05

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

**Table 2. Student-Teacher Relationships**

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Student-Teacher Relationships (construct)</b>					
Promise	91	4.13	0.65	2.70	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.21	0.21	3.92	4.47
<b>Teachers at my school listen to me.</b>					
Promise	91	4.15	0.70	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.20	0.24	3.84	4.52
<b>My teachers care about me.</b>					
Promise	91	4.18	0.74	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.23	0.20	3.95	4.46
<b>My teachers are there for me when I need them.</b>					
Promise	91	4.04	0.76	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.22	0.22	3.98	4.52

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

**Table 3. Classroom Engagement Comfort Level**

For these items, students were asked to indicate for how many of their classes the following statements were true.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Classroom Engagement Comfort Level (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.41	1.03	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.68	0.21	3.41	3.97
<b>I feel comfortable sharing my ideas.</b>					
Promise	94	3.56	1.05	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.65	0.12	3.54	3.85
<b>I feel it is okay to make mistakes in front of my classmates.</b>					
Promise	94	3.11	1.31	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.54	0.28	3.11	3.89
<b>I feel comfortable asking questions if I don't understand something.</b>					
Promise	94	3.55	1.26	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.86	0.26	3.55	4.23

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = none, 2 = a few, 3 = about half, 4 = most, and 5 = all.

**Table 4. Competency-based Instructional Approaches**

For these items, students were asked how often the following activities happened in their classes.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Competency-based Instruction (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.91	0.58	2.70	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.09	0.17	3.91	4.36
<b>My teachers share examples of student work for each major assignment to help me understand the expectations.</b>					
Promise	93	3.39	0.93	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.76	0.26	3.39	4.09
<b>My teachers let me know how my work will be assessed or graded for each major assignment.</b>					
Promise	92	4.28	0.75	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.22	0.10	4.11	4.32
<b>My teachers give me feedback (written or verbal) on my work that helps me improve my work.</b>					
Promise	93	4.17	0.90	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.28	0.20	4.07	4.59
<b>My teachers use similar language—words or terms—when they give me feedback (written or verbal) on my work.</b>					
Promise	94	3.78	0.96	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.93	0.20	3.72	4.21
<b>My teachers give me multiple chances to meet the expectations for an assignment.</b>					
Promise	94	4.06	0.77	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.26	0.17	4.06	4.52
<b>My teachers give me multiple chances within a project or unit to show that I've mastered a skill.</b>					
Promise	93	3.87	0.94	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.15	0.22	3.87	4.49

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = never, 2 = seldom, 3 = sometimes, 4 = often, and 5 = always.

**Table 5. Academic Rigor**

For these items, students were asked to indicate for how many of their classes the following statements were true.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Academic Rigor (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.73	0.57	2.38	4.88
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.76	0.07	3.65	3.83
<b>I understand my teacher's expectations for high-quality work.</b>					
Promise	91	4.19	0.86	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.18	0.06	4.10	4.26
<b>My teacher accepts nothing less than my full effort.</b>					
Promise	92	4.21	0.99	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.05	0.10	3.92	4.21
<b>Most assignments focus on a question that lacks an obvious answer.</b>					
Promise	92	3.04	1.07	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.28	0.19	3.04	3.48
<b>Most assignments require me to do more than simply memorize things or look up facts or formulas.</b>					
Promise	91	3.69	0.86	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.67	0.13	3.52	3.82
<b>Most assignments expose me to new ideas and perspectives.</b>					
Promise	94	3.57	0.91	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.70	0.16	3.57	3.97
<b>Major assignments in my classes require multiple drafts so I can strengthen my argument.</b>					
Promise	94	3.43	1.08	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.57	0.15	3.40	3.71
<b>Major assignments in my classes require multiple drafts so I can make my final product clearer.</b>					
Promise	94	3.44	1.09	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.58	0.11	3.44	3.72
<b>Major assignments challenge me to do my very best work.</b>					
Promise	94	4.21	0.97	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.06	0.13	3.90	4.21

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = none, 2 = a few, 3 = about half, 4 = most, and 5 = all.

**Table 6. Purpose**

For these items, students were asked to indicate for how many of their classes the following statements were true.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Purpose (construct)</b>					
Promise	93	3.66	0.82	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.87	0.25	3.62	4.24
<b>I understand the purpose of the work we do in class.</b>					
Promise	91	3.87	1.01	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.02	0.20	3.79	4.28
<b>The assignments help me gain the skills and knowledge I need to make a positive change in my world.</b>					
Promise	90	3.80	0.97	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.96	0.26	3.67	4.35
<b>The topics we learn about matter to me.</b>					
Promise	92	3.33	0.97	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.65	0.35	3.32	4.09
<b>We study issues that are important to my community.</b>					
Promise	92	3.36	1.11	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.78	0.30	3.36	4.16
<b>It's clear how what we are learning will help me after I finish high school.</b>					
Promise	91	3.63	1.07	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.84	0.27	3.56	4.20
<b>I understand why what we are learning is important.</b>					
Promise	92	3.94	1.12	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.97	0.25	3.71	4.30

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = none, 2 = a few, 3 = about half, 4 = most, and 5 = all.

**Table 7. Additional Item Related to Rigor and Purpose**

For these items, students were asked to indicate for how many of their classes the following statements were true.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Students - not the teacher - do most of the talking.</b>					
Promise	91	2.93	0.96	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	2.97	0.17	2.86	3.27

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = none, 2 = a few, 3 = about half, 4 = most, and 5 = all.

**Table 8. Items Related to Authenticity**

For these items, students were asked how often the following activities happened in their classes.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Had outside experts or community members come to your class to discuss what you are learning?</b>					
Promise	94	2.18	1.31	0.00	4.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	2.35	0.40	2.00	3.00
<b>Taken field trips connected to what you are learning in class?</b>					
Promise	94	0.67	0.77	0.00	3.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	1.50	0.63	0.67	2.27
<b>Received feedback on your work from outside experts or community members?</b>					
Promise	91	1.19	1.25	0.00	4.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	1.69	0.35	1.19	2.10
<b>Presented your work to an audience that includes outside experts or community members?</b>					
Promise	93	0.87	1.04	0.00	4.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	1.36	0.40	0.87	1.91

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 0 = never, 1 = once, 2 = twice, 3 = three times, and 4 = four or more times.

**Table 9. Goal Setting**

For these items, students were asked how true statements were for them.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Goal Setting (construct)</b>					
Promise	93	3.70	0.88	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.89	0.15	3.70	4.06
<b>I set goals for my performance in school.</b>					
Promise	93	3.47	1.17	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.67	0.18	3.47	3.87
<b>I know the steps I need to take to accomplish my goals.</b>					
Promise	93	3.80	0.96	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.98	0.14	3.80	4.12
<b>I know whether or not I am on track to meet my goals.</b>					
Promise	93	3.63	1.06	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.89	0.19	3.63	4.11
<b>I know the areas in which I need to improve to meet my goals.</b>					
Promise	92	3.84	0.96	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.98	0.10	3.84	4.08

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = not at all true, 2 = a little true, 3 = somewhat true, 4 = mostly true, and 5 = completely true.

**Table 10. Growth Mindset**

For these items, students were asked how true statements were for them.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Growth Mindset (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.82	0.87	1.70	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.98	0.14	3.82	4.12
<b>I can become smarter by challenging myself.</b>					
Promise	94	3.95	0.94	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.10	0.17	3.90	4.28
<b>I can do well in a subject even if I am not naturally good at it.</b>					
Promise	94	3.51	1.02	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.76	0.19	3.51	3.97
<b>I can increase my intelligence with hard work.</b>					
Promise	94	3.99	0.93	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.09	0.11	3.99	4.26

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = not at all true, 2 = a little true, 3 = somewhat true, 4 = mostly true, and 5 = completely true.

**Table 11. Self-efficacy**

For these items, students were asked how true statements were for them.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Self-efficacy (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.80	0.86	1.50	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.99	0.17	3.80	4.15
<b>I know I can do many different things well.</b>					
Promise	94	3.70	1.00	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.94	0.18	3.70	4.16
<b>I believe I will be able to overcome challenges.</b>					
Promise	94	3.74	0.93	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.98	0.15	3.74	4.10
<b>I know I can complete difficult tasks.</b>					
Promise	94	3.71	1.05	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.91	0.20	3.70	4.12
<b>I believe I will be able to reach my goals.</b>					
Promise	94	3.95	1.01	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.08	0.20	3.83	4.31

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = not at all true, 2 = a little true, 3 = somewhat true, 4 = mostly true, and 5 = completely true.

**Table 12. Collaboration**

For these items, students were asked to think about the times this year that they worked in a group in class.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Collaboration (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	4.08	0.67	2.50	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.10	0.10	4.00	4.22
<b>I considered everyone's ideas.</b>					
Promise	94	3.98	0.88	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.07	0.10	3.98	4.22
<b>I paid attention when my teammates talked.</b>					
Promise	94	4.15	0.72	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.23	0.10	4.12	4.38
<b>I helped my group figure out and fix any problem we faced.</b>					
Promise	94	4.01	0.89	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.05	0.14	3.86	4.23
<b>I shared my ideas with my group.</b>					
Promise	93	4.12	0.95	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.99	0.18	3.78	4.13

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = not at all true, 2 = a little true, 3 = somewhat true, 4 = mostly true, and 5 = completely true.



**Table 13. Social Awareness**

For these items, students were asked how true statements were for them in the previous 30 days.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Social Awareness (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	4.01	0.73	1.67	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.11	0.19	3.87	4.36
<b>I was respectful of others even when they disagreed with me.</b>					
Promise	94	3.93	0.91	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.03	0.27	3.65	4.38
<b>I carefully listened to other people's points of view.</b>					
Promise	93	4.05	0.81	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.14	0.17	3.91	4.35
<b>I got along with people who are different from me.</b>					
Promise	92	4.07	0.97	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.18	0.14	4.04	4.38

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = not at all true, 2 = a little true, 3 = somewhat true, 4 = mostly true, and 5 = completely true.

**Table 14. Professional Communication**

For these items, students were asked how well prepared they felt to do the following activities in a school or work environment.

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Professional Communication (construct)</b>					
Promise	93	3.20	0.94	1.30	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.41	0.18	3.20	3.60
<b>Communicate in writing.</b>					
Promise	93	3.59	0.95	2.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.70	0.09	3.59	3.82
<b>Communicate with adults outside of my family.</b>					
Promise	93	3.38	1.21	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.74	0.24	3.38	3.98
<b>Make a presentation.</b>					
Promise	93	3.15	1.17	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.17	0.19	2.95	3.47
<b>Speak in public.</b>					
Promise	93	2.59	1.36	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	2.97	0.35	2.59	3.33

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = I do not feel prepared, 2 = I feel slightly prepared, 3 = I feel moderately prepared, 4 = I feel well prepared, and 5 = I feel very well prepared.

**Table 15. Overall Primary Person System**

	N	Promise	Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)
This school year, is there an adult at your school who you have been assigned to meet with regularly to discuss your academic progress?	94	54.3%	82.6%

**Table 16. Primary Person Meeting Frequency**

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>This school year, about how often have you met one-on-one with this person?</b>					
Promise	42	3.05	1.51	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.52	0.40	3.05	4.14

**Notes:** Only asked of students who indicated that they have been assigned an adult to meet with regularly to discuss their academic progress. Responses fall on the following scale: 0 = never, 1 = once or twice this year, 2 = a few times this year, 3 = monthly or almost monthly, 4 = two or three times a month, and 5 = once a week or more.

**Table 17. Primary Person Relationship**

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>My advisor knows me well.</b>					
Promise	49	3.78	0.87	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.89	0.19	3.68	4.15
<b>My advisor believes I can succeed.</b>					
Promise	49	4.57	0.61	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.44	0.11	4.30	4.57

**Notes:** Only asked of students who indicated that they have been assigned an adult to meet with regularly to discuss their academic progress. Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

Table 18. On-track Knowledge

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>On-track Knowledge (construct)</b>					
Promise	93	4.29	0.59	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.18	0.09	4.05	4.29
<b>I know what classes I need to take to graduate.</b>					
Promise	93	4.03	0.80	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.07	0.10	3.93	4.21
<b>I know how I am doing in my classes right now.</b>					
Promise	93	4.46	0.69	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.18	0.18	4.04	4.46
<b>I know what I need to do to improve my grades.</b>					
Promise	92	4.38	0.72	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.30	0.11	4.11	4.38

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

**Table 19. Postsecondary Guidance**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>SD</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
<b>Postsecondary Guidance (construct)</b>					
Promise	94	3.72	0.73	1.50	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.81	0.13	3.67	3.95
<b>My school has helped me understand what I want to do after I graduate from high school.</b>					
Promise	93	3.56	0.99	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.85	0.21	3.56	4.11
<b>My school has helped me understand what kind of education or training I will need after high school to help prepare me for my possible career.</b>					
Promise	93	3.83	0.97	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.94	0.15	3.75	4.13
<b>My school has helped me understand what high school courses I will need to get into college.</b>					
Promise	91	3.93	0.94	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.90	0.10	3.77	4.02
<b>My school has helped me understand the financial benefit of attending college.</b>					
Promise	94	3.93	0.88	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.87	0.15	3.66	4.06
<b>My school has encouraged me to consider a 4-year college.</b>					
Promise	93	3.63	0.92	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.63	0.16	3.39	3.81
<b>My school has helped me understand my financial aid options (how to pay for college or a training program).</b>					
Promise	94	3.40	1.05	1.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	3.69	0.21	3.40	3.91

**Notes:** Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

**Table 20. Postsecondary Plan**

	N	Promise	Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)
I have created a written postsecondary plan that describes what I will do after I graduate from high school.	94	14.9%	38.3%

**Table 21. Postsecondary Plan Self-Efficacy**

	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
<b>Postsecondary Plan Self-Efficacy (construct)</b>					
Promise	14	4.26	0.58	3.30	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.27	0.07	4.21	4.40
<b>I feel good about my plan.</b>					
Promise	14	4.07	0.73	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.21	0.14	4.06	4.40
<b>I believe that I can achieve this plan.</b>					
Promise	14	4.29	0.61	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.30	0.06	4.25	4.40
<b>I know what steps I need to take to achieve this plan.</b>					
Promise	14	4.36	0.74	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.27	0.08	4.18	4.36
<b>I am confident that this plan is right for me</b>					
Promise	14	4.21	0.70	3.00	5.00
Beyond ENE School Means	5	4.28	0.09	4.19	4.40

**Notes:** Items only asked of students who indicated they have a written postsecondary plan. Responses fall on the following scale: 1 = strongly disagree, 2 = disagree, 3 = neither agree nor disagree, 4 = agree, and 5 = strongly agree.

**Table 22. Postsecondary Preparation Activities and Exploration**

	<b>N</b>	<b>Promise</b>	<b>Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)</b>
During this school year, did you get help at school with resume writing?	93	35.5%	57.2%
During this school year, did you get help at school with cover letter writing?	93	25.8%	52.6%
I have researched a career that interests me.	94	69.1%	76.0%
I have reviewed college admissions requirements.	94	50.0%	47.3%
I have compared the costs of different colleges.	94	39.4%	49.0%
I have toured a college.	94	40.4%	35.9%
I have found out how much it would cost to attend college.	94	60.6%	54.8%

**Table 23. Next Steps after High School**

Students were asked what they plan to do immediately after high school.

	<b>N</b>	<b>Promise</b>	<b>Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)</b>
Attend a trade or technical school	13	14.0%	22.8%
Attend a 2-year college	17	18.3%	24.8%
Attend a 4-year college	54	58.1%	26.6%
Pursue my career full time, without continuing my education	6	6.5%	19.4%
Join the military	3	3.2%	6.4%
Total	93	100.0%	-

**Table 24. Postsecondary Aspirations**

Students were asked how far they would go in their education if they could do exactly what they wanted.

	<b>N</b>	<b>Promise</b>	<b>Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)</b>
Attend some high school	0	0.0%	3.0%
Graduate from high school	12	12.8%	22.2%
Attend some college	8	8.5%	14.8%
Graduate from a two-year college or technical/trade school	16	17.0%	18.1%
Graduate from a four-year college	23	24.5%	13.2%
Earn a master's or higher degree	35	37.2%	28.7%
Total	94	100.0%	-

**Table 25. Postsecondary Expectations**

Students were asked how far they THINK they would go in their education.

	<b>N</b>	<b>Promise</b>	<b>Beyond ENE Schools (n = 5)</b>
Attend some high school	0	0.0%	1.9%
Graduate from high school	19	20.2%	29.7%
Attend some college	17	18.1%	18.8%
Graduate from a two-year college or technical/trade school	17	18.1%	20.0%
Graduate from a four-year college	22	23.4%	14.5%
Earn a master's or higher degree	19	20.2%	15.1%
Total	94	100.0%	-