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**Schalmont**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Post Secondary Graduate Survey Results

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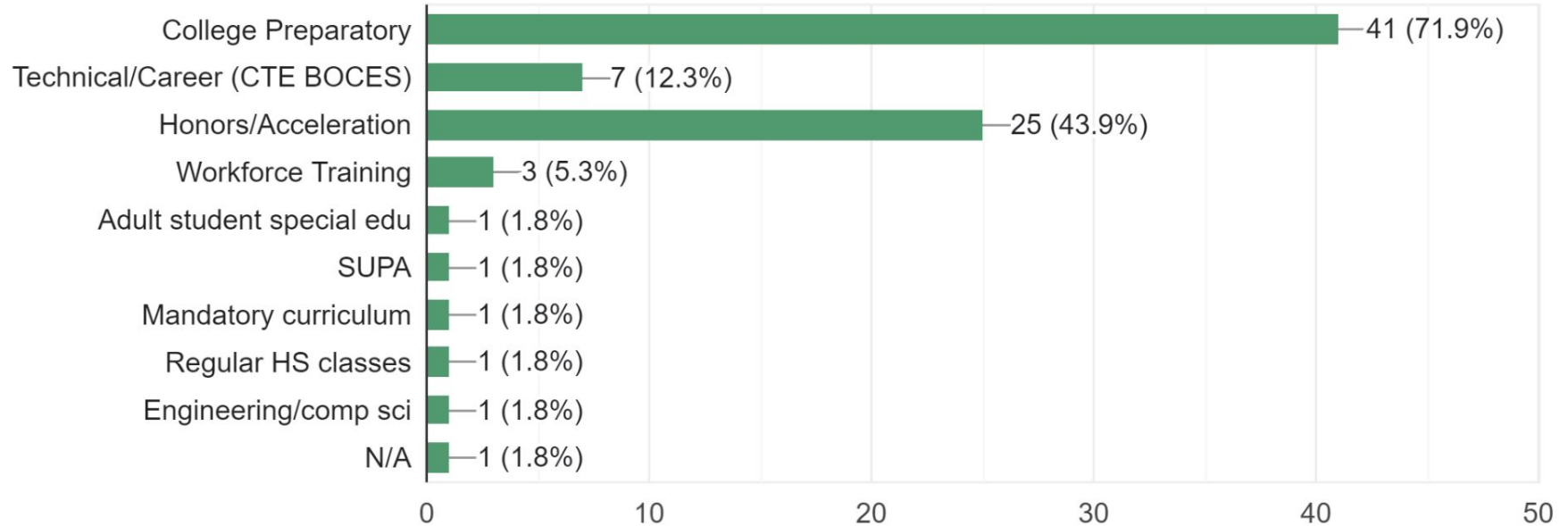
# Overview

- Survey was mailed to homes of all Schalmont alumni who graduated within the past five years.
- Graduates had option of print or online version of survey to fill out.
- District promoted survey through social media and emails.
- 57 graduates responded out of nearly 800 mailed out.



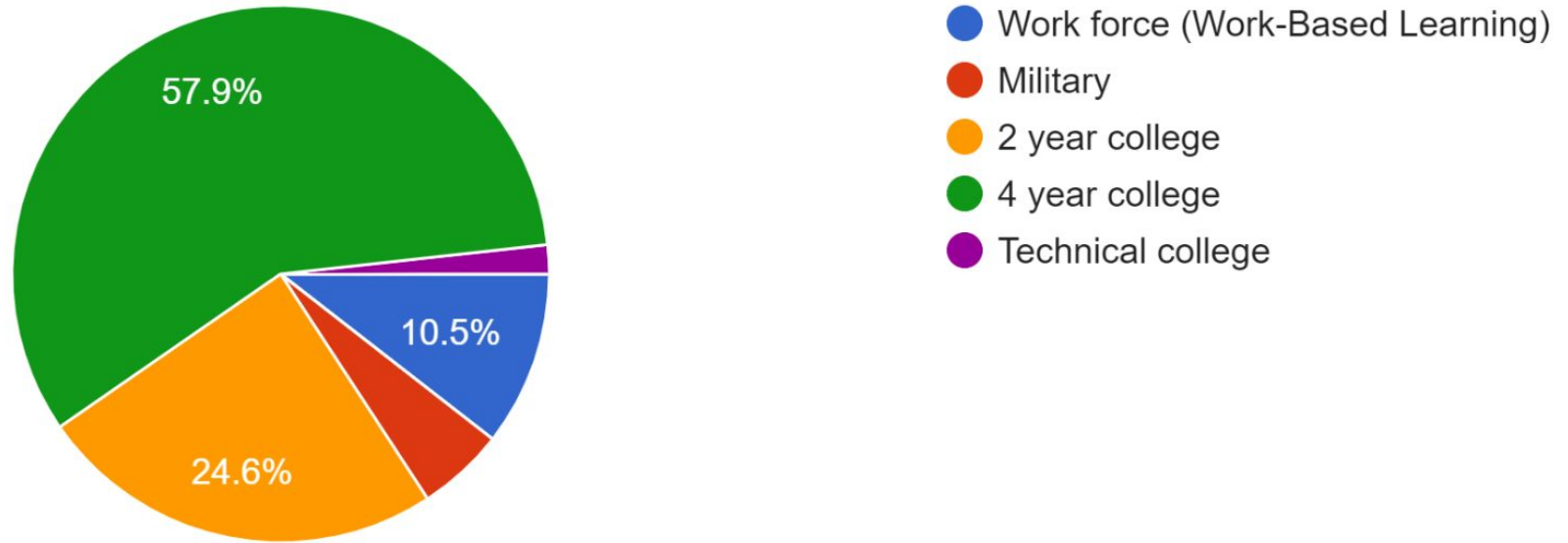
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# Which category(s) represents the coursework you took while at Schalmont High School?



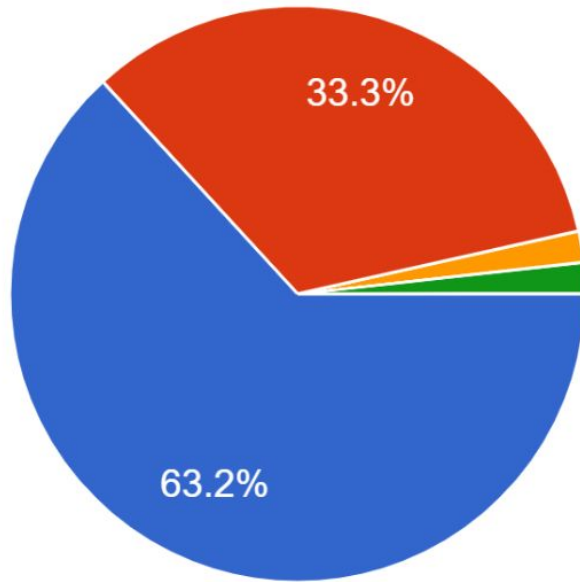
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When you completed high school, what were your plans after graduation at that time?



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Since you left Schalmont High School, have your plans:



- Stayed the same since leaving Schalmont High School.
- Changed since leaving Schalmont High School.
- 1 year break of school, in work before college
- Stayed the same, and then changed after a few years.



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Please share some of your successes since leaving Schalmont High School.

### Takeaways from comments

- Graduates shared a variety of experiences including college (two-year, four-year, medical school), armed services (U.S. Marines, Air Force) and workforce (working at family's restaurant, auto repair, cosmetology).
- Most graduates responded very positively to question by listing accomplishments and things they were proud of.



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Please share some of your challenges since leaving Schalmont High School.

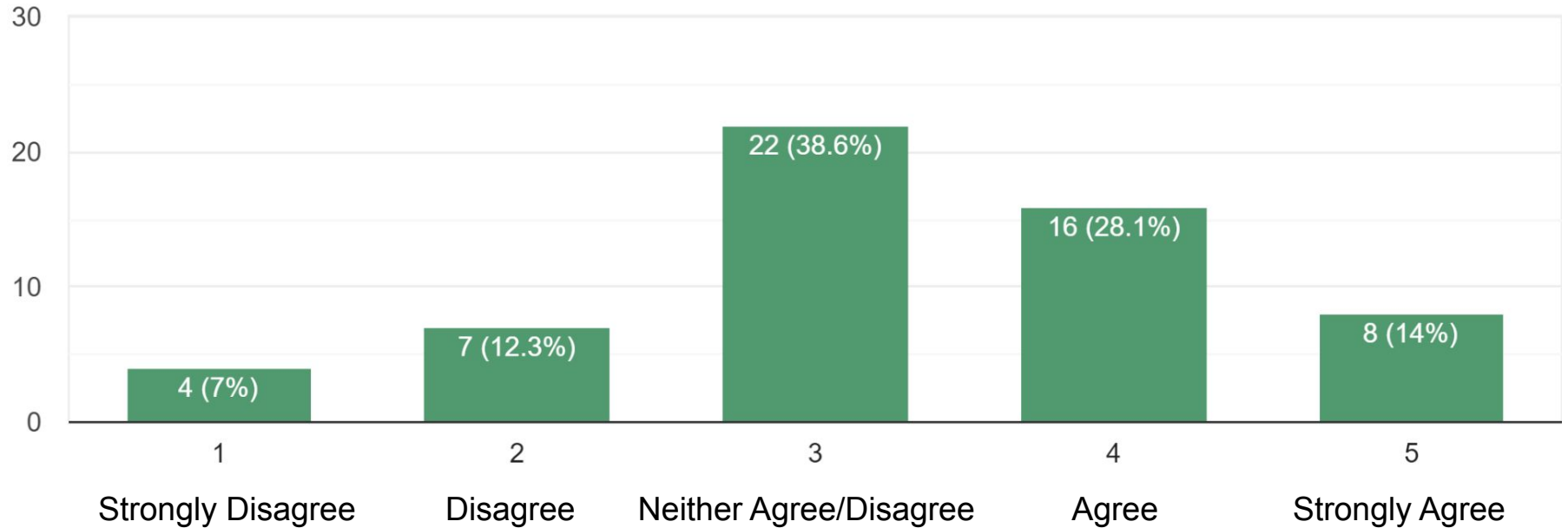
Takeaways from comments:

- Time management
- Transition from a school to the "big world"
- Some insisted work was harder in college while some said it was easier
- Social challenges of losing friends after school, work/life balance, "adulthood"



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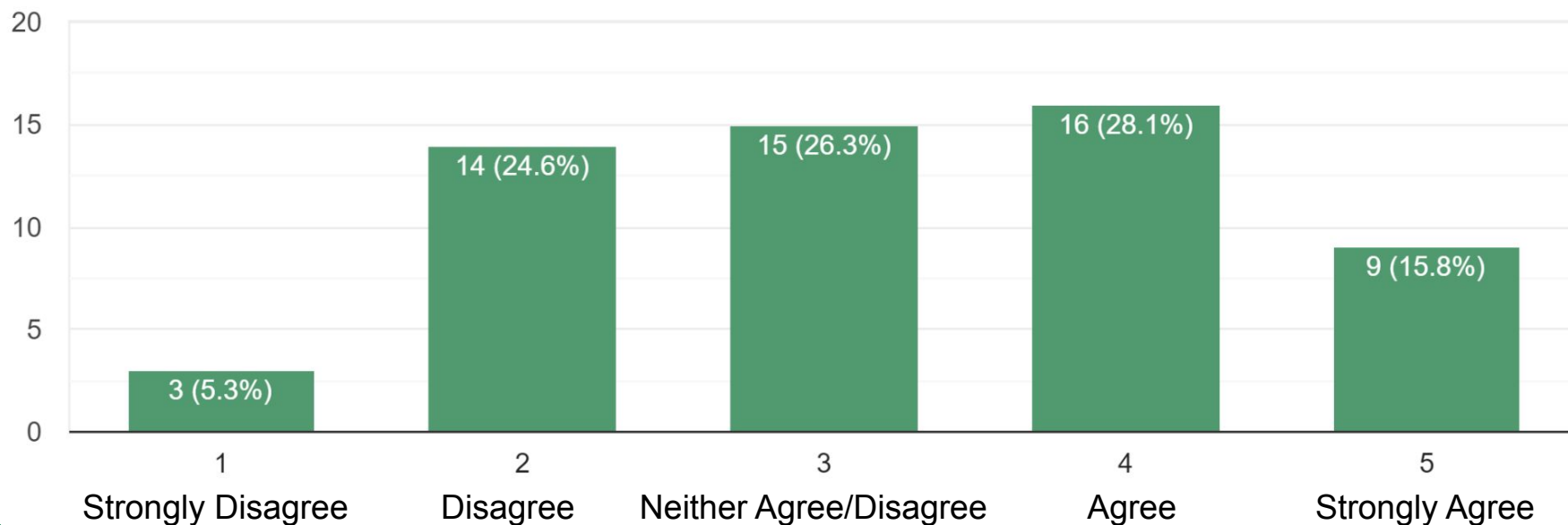
Schalmont prepared me well for the transition after high school.



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Schalmont offered electives, extracurriculars, and opportunities that exposed me to career pathways.



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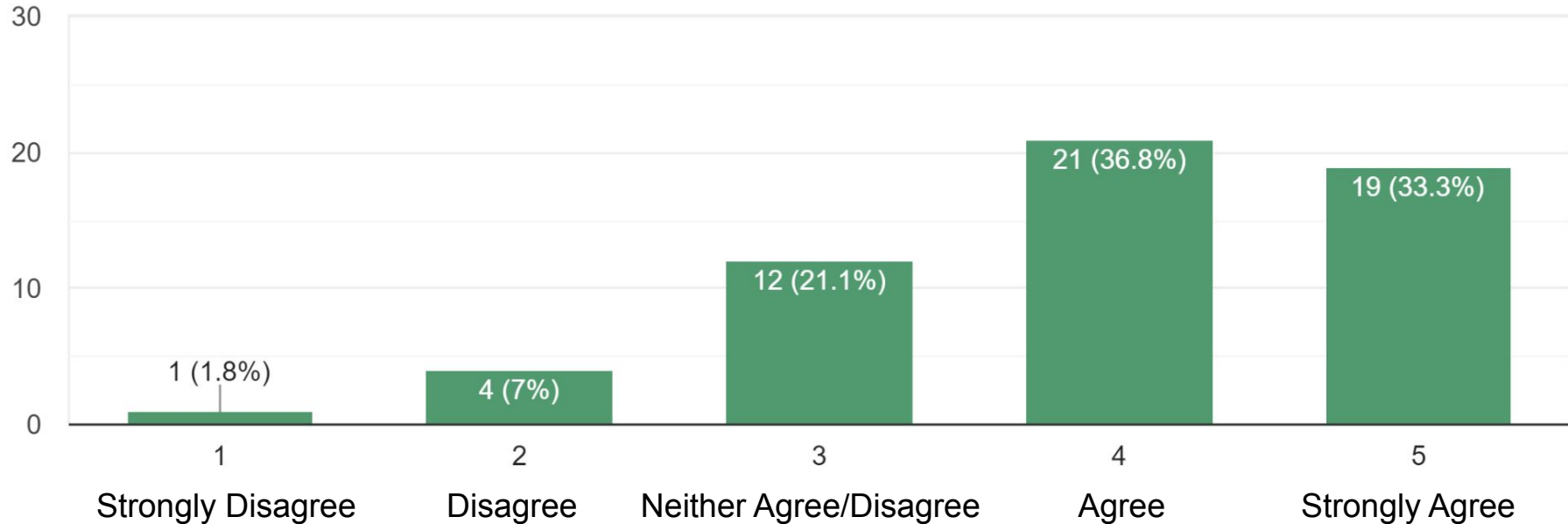
Takeaways from comments:

- Continued offering of both:
  - Career pathway exploration (CFM, Middle School FACS, fully-developed coursebook, CTE Nights)
  - Increased Honors/AP Offerings (7 regarding pathways; 6 about increased rigorous coursework)



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Schalmont offered a wide variety of extracurricular clubs, activities, and athletics.



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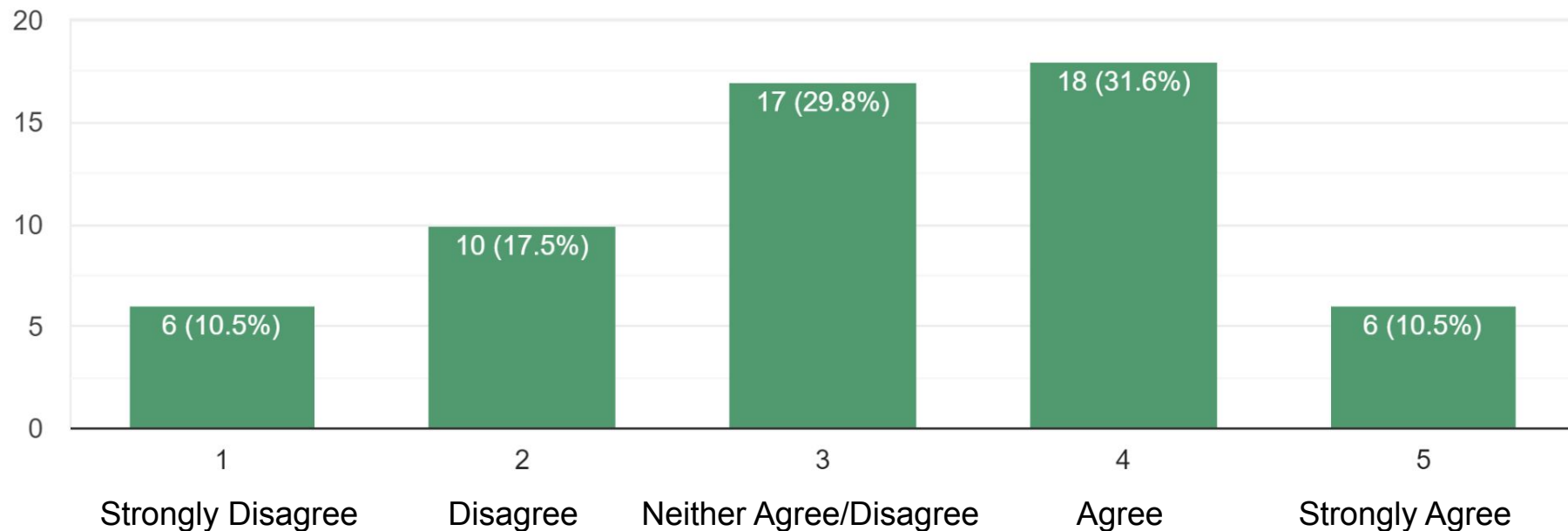
Takeaways from comments:

- Nearly all graduates appreciated the number of clubs and activities there were for students, particularly for the district size.
- Some graduates encouraged the exploring of different activities based on student interest.
- Many respondents said clubs and activities were helpful in developing social skills.



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My education at Schalmont challenged me.



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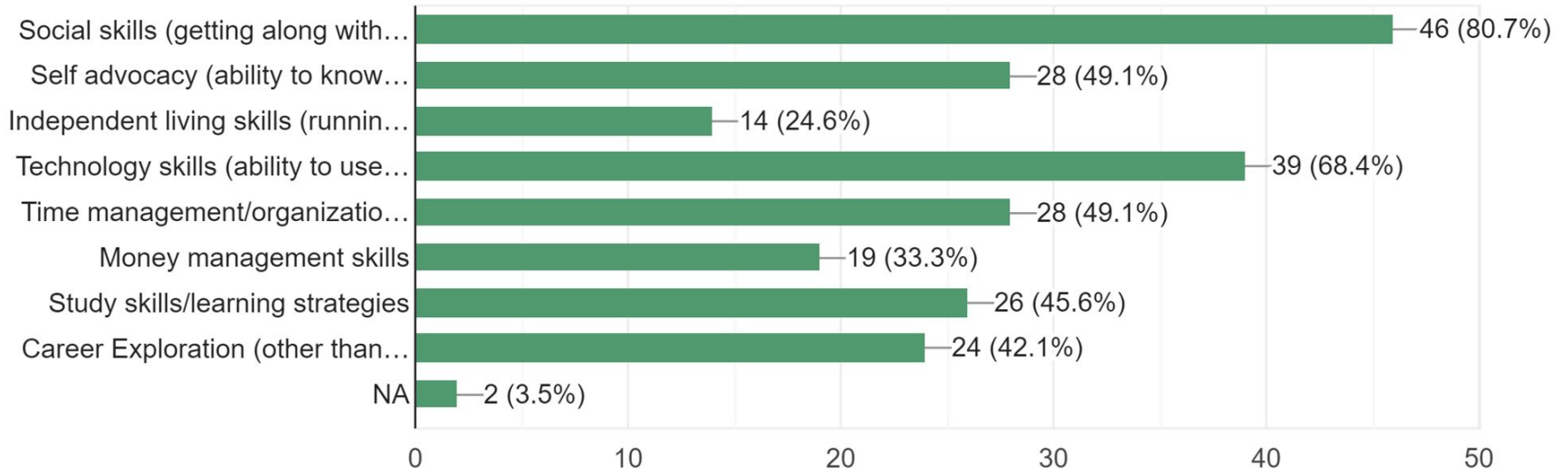
Takeaways from comments:

- Graduates shared a variety of experiences with many saying Schalmont's education challenged them while others saying it did not.
- Many commented specifically about AP and SUPA classes as preparing them for college.
- A number of graduates mentioned importance of varying teaching methods in all grades to better support learning.



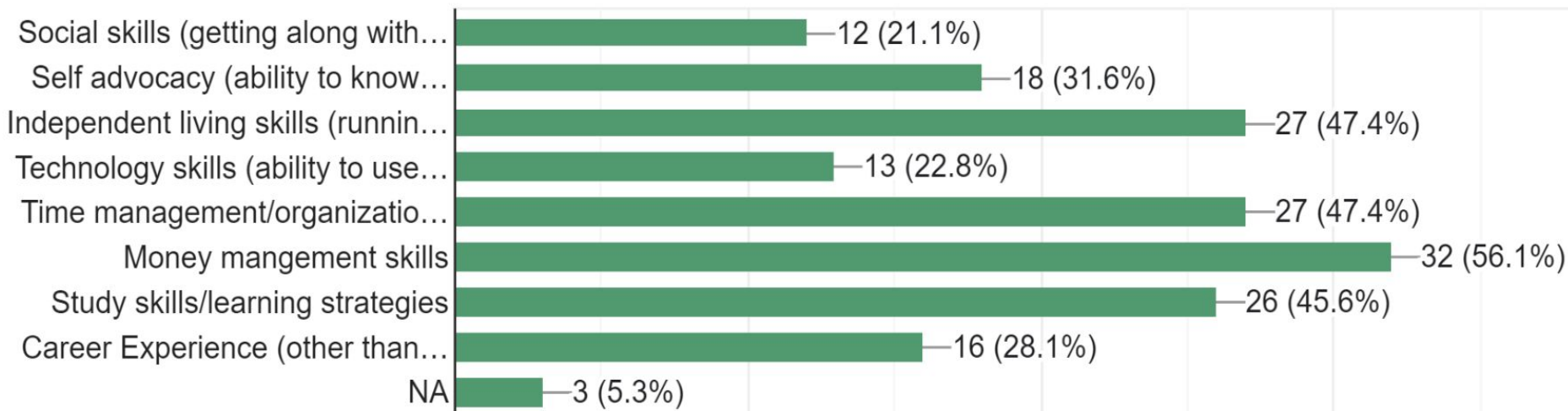
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# What skills listed below were you exposed to while you were at Schalmont (please check all that apply)?



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What skills listed below do you wish you had learned more of/spent more time on while at Schalmont (please check all that apply)?



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What could we have done better to have prepared you for life after Schalmont?  
Please be as specific and honest as you can!

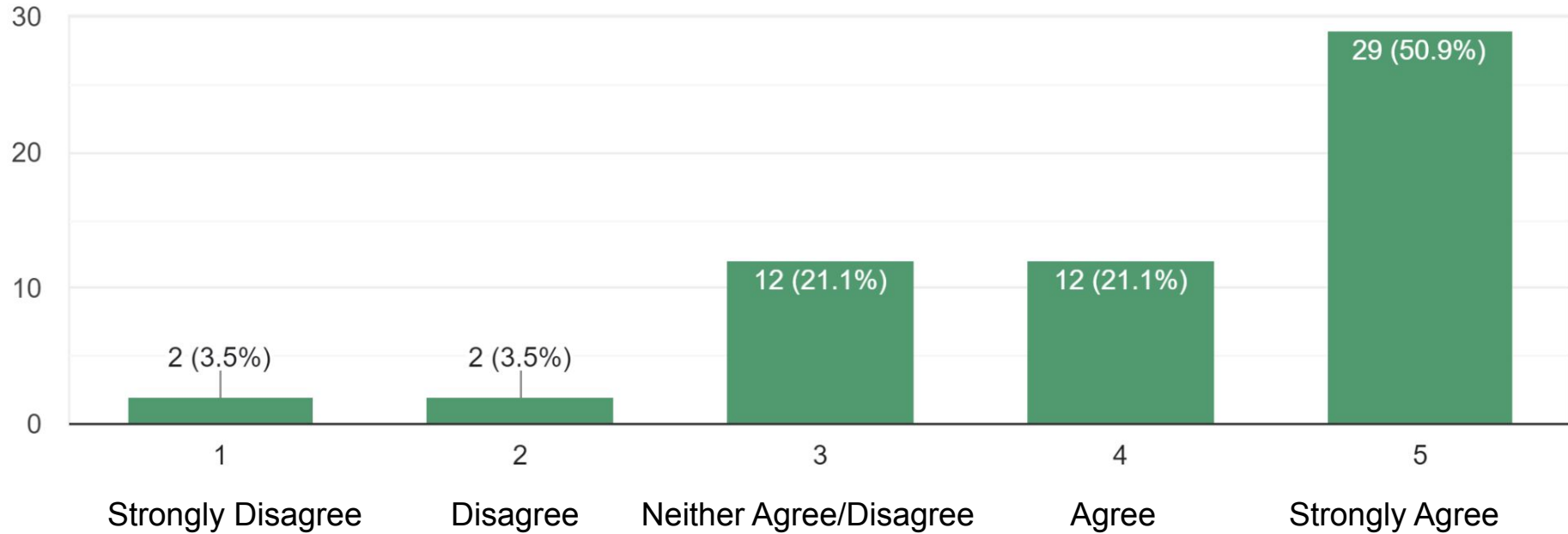
Takeaways from comments:

- Many graduates mentioned importance of money management and life skills.
- Time management and post-graduate study skills were often listed as important to college success.
- Mental health and wellness support for students was considered critically important.
- Some graduates mentioned importance of ensuring all students had access to opportunities such as clubs or classes.



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While at Schalmont, I felt safe (physically and emotionally) when at school.



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Please share any information that might help explain your answer to the question above.

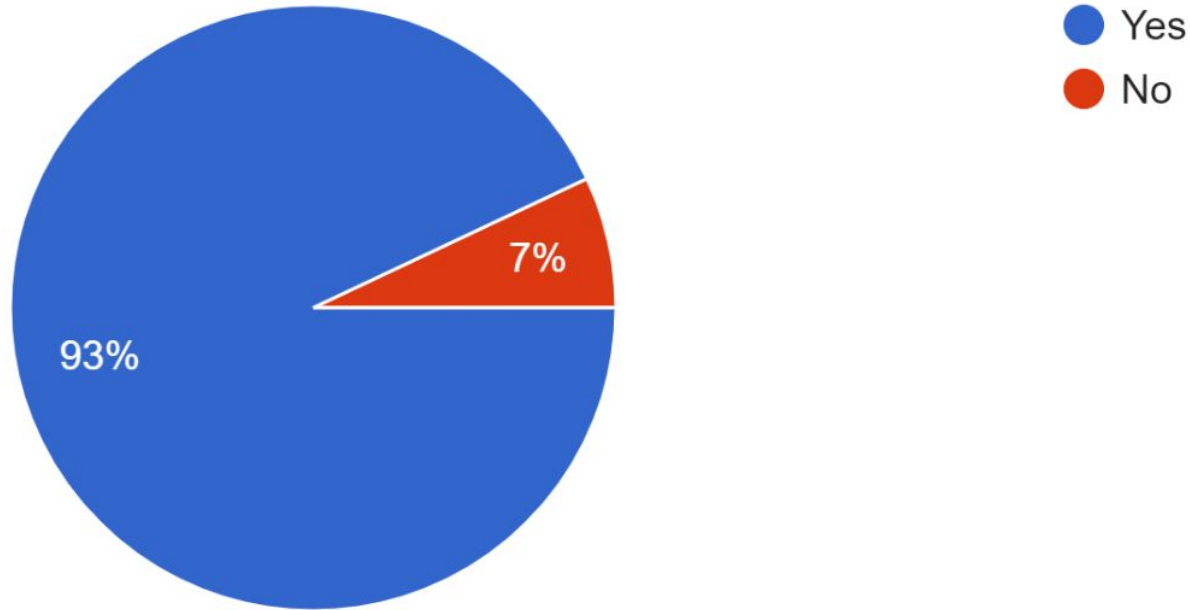
Takeaways from comments:

- Graduates overwhelmingly said they felt safe at school.
- Many mentioned feeling safe because they had someone to turn to if they needed help.
- Some respondents stressed the importance of emotional support for students, not just physical safety.



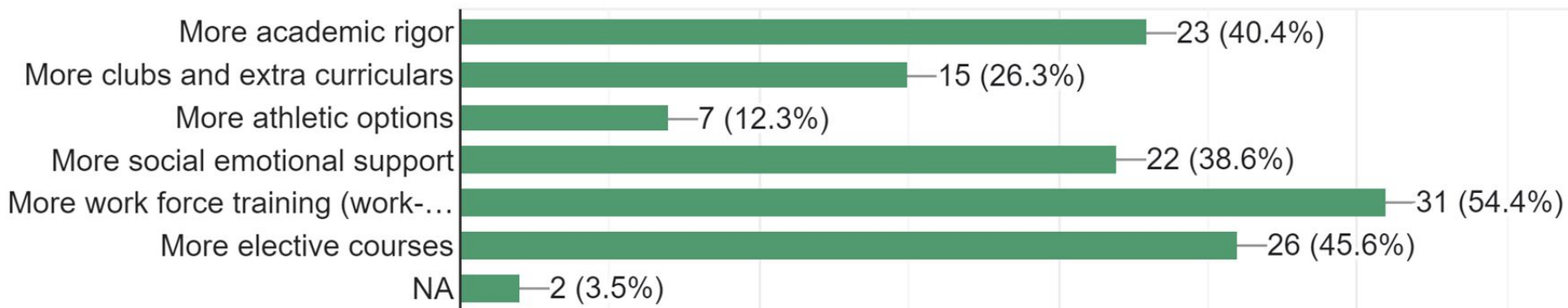
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There was at least one person I could go to for help while I was at Schalmont.



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## What do you feel would have improved your experiences at Schalmont?



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Please share any other comments or ideas that might assist us in adding/ designing programming for future students.

Takeaways from comments:

- Need for access to proactive/reactive counseling.
- Promoting opportunities for money management and career exploration.
- Expand AP and college-level classes.



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