

FY 2008 QUESTION NUMBER: 14

QUESTION:

Provide the actual number of students in the Kingsley Wilderness Program for the last four years. What is the graduation rate? What is the demographic profile of the students? What are the annual operating expenses? Where will the students go if the program closes?

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ANSWER:

The chart below displays the number of students served by the Kingsley Wilderness Program for the past four years, including the student demographic profile.

KINGSLEY ENROLLMENT DATA

YEAR	TOTAL	AFRICAN AMERICAN	ASIAN	HISPANIC	WHITE
2006–2007	18	7	0	5	6
2005–2006	27	10	1	4	12
2004–2005	22	7	2	1	12
2003–2004	29	9	2	4	14
2002–2003	29	10	0	2	17

* This chart shows the total number of students served

Students may be referred into the Kingsley Wilderness Program at any time during their high school years. Students attend the program for a minimum of two semesters or a maximum of two school years. Students who successfully meet the exit criteria in their alternative program plan are returned to their home school. Some students who attend the Kingsley Wilderness Program as high school seniors complete their high school coursework there and graduate from Kingsley. The system does not track the graduation rate of alternative program students that return to their home school. The chart below provides data on the number of seniors that have graduated from the Kingsley Wilderness Program:

KINGSLEY GRADUATION DATA

	2006–2007 (Projected)	2005–2006	2004–2005	2003–2004	2002–2003
Number of Graduating Students	2	3	3	4	3

Annual operating expenses have remained constant for the past four years, with the exception of the staff salaries. The operating cost for FY 2007 is \$561,198. The breakdown is as follows:

FY 2007 OPERATING COSTS FOR KINGSLEY

Purpose	Cost
Staff salaries (3 teachers, 3 paraeducators, 0.8 school secretary)	\$367,837
Employee Benefits	\$114,487
Textbooks, instructional materials, office supplies	\$14,981
Student salaries (temporary part-time, work program)	\$62,259
Field trips	\$2,166
Insurance	\$188
TOTAL	\$561,198

There is a plan in place to address the continued education of students who are currently attending the Kingsley Wilderness Program. Of the 18 students enrolled in the program during FY 2007, two have already transitioned back to their home school. Of the 16 currently enrolled students, two are scheduled to graduate at the end of the current school year. One student has applied for the Gateway to College program, with the possibility of enrolling in September 2007. The remaining 13 students are working towards successful completion of the exit criteria in order to transition back to their home schools for the 2007–2008 school year. For those students who do not successfully complete the exit criteria and, thus, are recommended to continue in an alternative program, an Educational Management Team (EMT) meeting will be convened to review each student’s strengths and needs and to consider appropriate programming options,

including transitioning to Emory Grove, the upcounty alternative high school program, or McKenney Hills, the downcounty alternative high school program.