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Most Hispanic students say college too costly

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INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - A new survey suggests about half of Hispanic high school students in Indiana would be the first in their families to attend college, and most feel they can't afford a higher education.

The survey was by Learn More Indiana, a group of education organizations. Its annual survey of high school freshmen and juniors found that most students expect to earn a 4-year college degree. But fewer Hispanic students expect a 4-year degree compared to their peers.

Potential first-generation college students often face more obstacles than others in high school. Researchers say those teenagers sometimes lack the rigorous academic preparation and family encouragement that others have. Sometimes parents without college degrees urge their children to get a job instead of continuing their education.

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