

FAQ - Student Questions

79. What is CCSSE?

CCSSE is the Community College Survey of Student Engagement. The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin conducts the project, and it is located in the Educational Administration Department in the College of Education.

80. What is the Community College Student Report?

The *Community College Student Report (CSSR)* is a survey developed to study community and technical college student experiences. The survey is designed to see what your views are on the quality of the educational programs and services you receive.

81. Why are you surveying me?

Classes are randomly selected from participating colleges' programs.

82. What if I have already participated?

When choosing a random sample across several classes, duplication of students can result. If this happens, one may choose not to take the survey again. However, it is asked that all students remain in the classroom during the administration time. CCSSE included a specific question, #3, which asks if the survey has already been taken in another class, so CCSSE will be able to track those who complete the survey more than once.

83. How will the survey be used?

The data will be compiled and presented in aggregate form (as a group) to the administration at this college. Identifying what students do in and out of the classroom, knowing students' goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help the college create an environment that can enhance student learning, development, and retention. Also, the colleges' data will be compared to other colleges on a national and regional level. This will guide work aimed at supporting and strengthening teaching and learning.

84. Will my college see my responses?

Institutions will receive a data file containing all information provided by students completing the survey. Hence, if one provides identifying information (i.e., Student Identification Number) then a college would technically have the ability to examine his or her responses at the individual level. However, there is no intention to examine individual responses, and the reason for requesting Student Identification Numbers is to enable the college to link the data from this survey to other institutional research initiatives.

85. How will my college use the data?

The group data will be shared with the faculty, staff, administrators, and student leaders. College committees will use the data in their reports as they work on future planning and to inform initiatives. The information may also be used in reports to external authorities such as community college boards, accrediting agencies, and the general public.

86. Are you surveying other colleges?

Yes, CCSSE expects to survey about 300 community and technical colleges annually.

87. When will the study results be ready?

The results will be ready about four months following the administration of the survey—on July 31.

88. Will I be able to see the results?

The results will be sent to the college. Certain data will be published on the *CCSSE* Website at www.ccsse.org.

89. Why should I complete this survey?

Identifying what students do in and out of the classroom, knowing students' goals, and understanding external responsibilities can help the college create an environment that can enhance learning, development, and success.

90. I have participated in many surveys; why should I complete the *CCSR*?

The *Community College Student Report* asks about college students' experiences, including study habits, work and family obligations, contact with faculty, etc. Information about these topics can help colleges enhance students' success. It is important that colleges find out from students where improvements are needed.

91. Who is responsible for the study?

CCSSE is a research initiative of The Center for Community College Student Engagement in the Community College Leadership Program in the College of Education at The University of Texas at Austin. More can be learned about *CCSSE* by visiting (www.ccsse.org).