



Community College Survey of Student Engagement

Western Nevada College



Key Findings: A Starting Point

The Key Findings report provides an entry point for reviewing results from your administration of the 2018 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). The report provides college-specific data in an easy-to-share format including benchmark comparisons between the college, top-performing colleges, and the CCSSE cohort. It also highlights aspects of highest and lowest student engagement at the college, as well as results from five CCSSE special-focus items. Select faculty survey data are also highlighted.

Colleges participating in CCSSE 2018 received a survey instrument that was refreshed starting with the 2017 administration. Most of the items on the survey did not change at all, and the majority of those items that were revised underwent only minor adjustments to wording or response categories. Items that were no longer providing relevant data (e.g., outdated technology items) were eliminated, and the updated instrument includes several high-impact practices items that were not previously on the core surveys. The refreshed survey instrument includes items on our goals and objectives, veteran services, as



Benchmarks of Effective Educational Practice

The *CCSSE* benchmarks are groups of conceptually related survey items that address key areas of student engagement. The five benchmarks denote areas that educational research has shown to be important to students' college experiences and educational outcomes. Therefore, they provide colleges with a useful starting point for looking at institutional results and allow colleges to gauge and monitor their performance in areas that are central to their work. In addition, participating colleges have the opportunity to make appropriate and useful comparisons between their performance and that of groups of other colleges.

Performing as well as the national average or a peer-group average may be a reasonable initial aspiration, but it is important to recognize that these

Aspects of Highest Student Engagement

Benchmark scores provide a manageable starting point for reviewing and understanding *CCSSE* data. One way to dig more deeply into the benchmark scores is to analyze those items that contribute to the overall benchmark score. This section features the five items across all benchmarks (excluding those for which means are not calculated) on which the college scored highest and the five items on which the college scored lowest relative to the 2018 *CCSSE* Cohort.

The items highlighted on pages 4 and 5 reflect the largest differences in mean scores between the institution and the 2018 *CCSSE* Cohort. While examining these data, keep in mind that the selected items may not be those that are most closely aligned with the college’s goals; thus, it is important to review all institutional reports on the *CCSSE* online reporting system at www.ccsse.org.

Figure 3 displays the aggregated frequencies for the items on which the college performed most favorably relative to the 2018 *CCSSE* Cohort. For instance, 64.4% of Western Nevada College students, compared with 60.9% of other students in the cohort, responded *5–10*, *11–20*, or *more than 20* on item 6a. It is important to note that some colleges’ highest mean scores might be lower than the cohort mean.

Figure 3

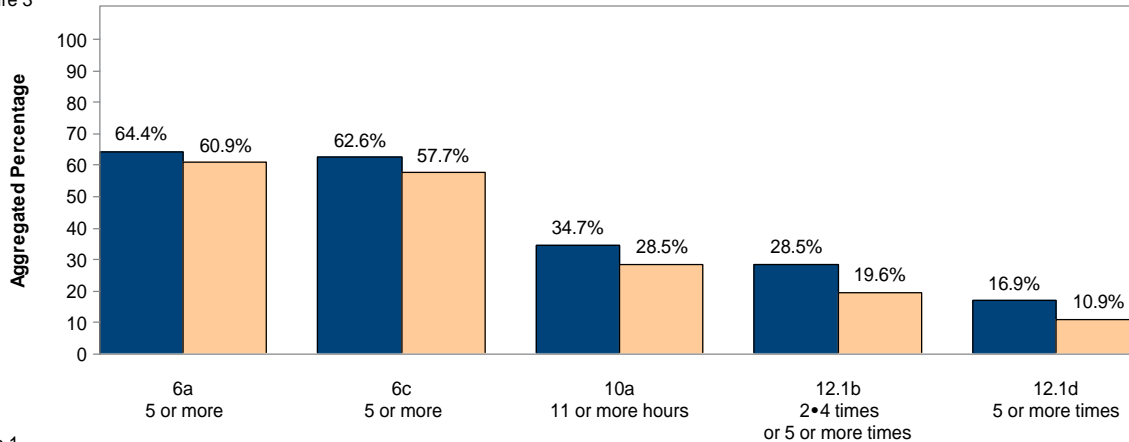
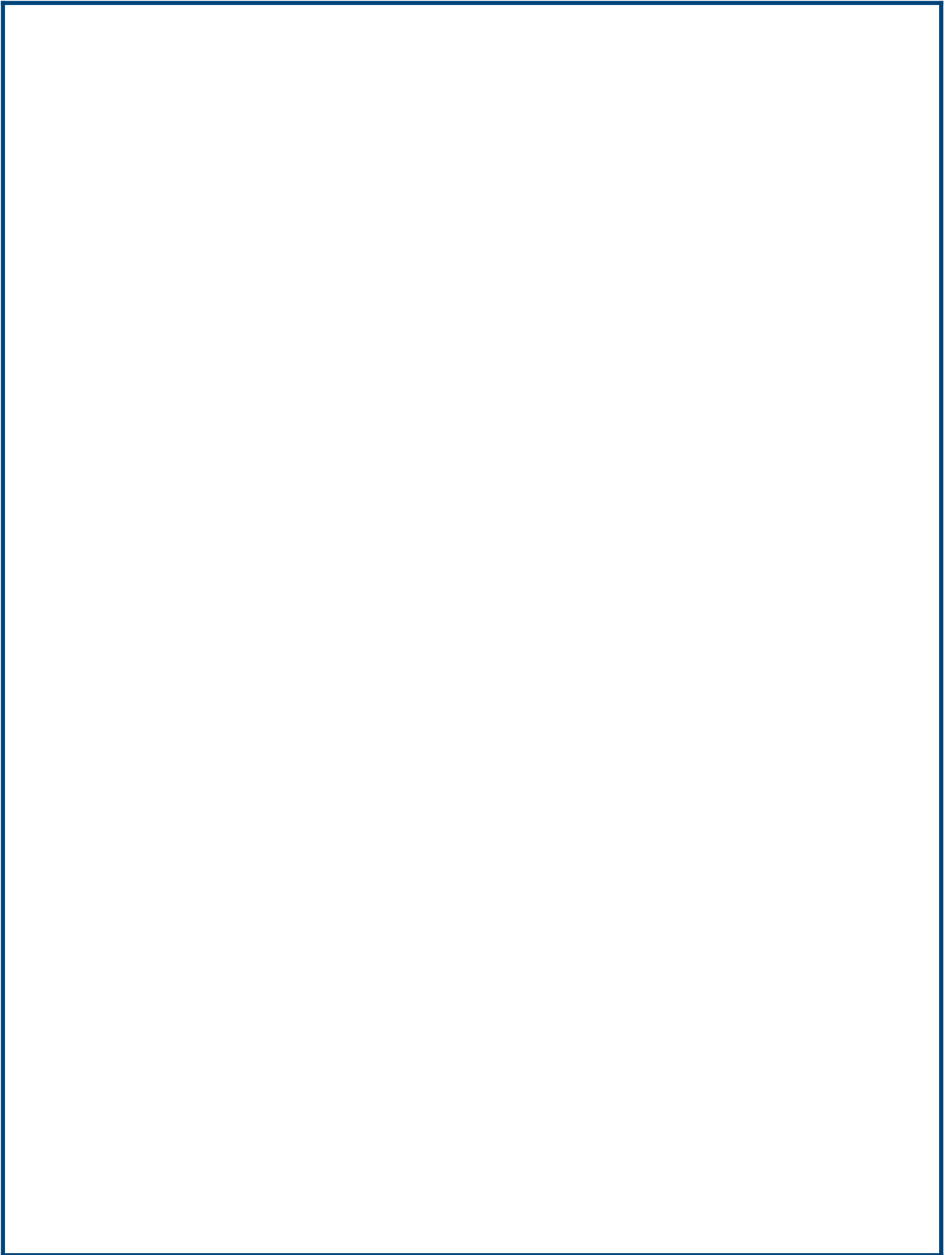


Table 1

Benchmark	Item Number	Item
Academic Challenge	6a	Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings
Academic Challenge	6c	Number of written papers or reports of any length
Student Effort	10a	Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program)
Support For Learners	12.1b	Frequency: Career counseling
Student Effort	12.1d	Frequency: Peer or other tutoring

Notes:

- For Item(s) 6, *5–10*, *11–20*, and *more than 20* responses are combined.
- For Item 10a, *11–20*, *21–30*, and *more than 30* responses are combined.
- For Item(s) 12.1a and 12.1b, *2–4 times* and *5 or more times* responses are combined because these services are typically used less frequently.



2018 CCSSE Special-Focus Items

The Center adds special-focus items to *CCSSE* each year to augment the core survey, helping participating colleges and the field at large to further explore fundamental areas of student engagement. The 2018 special-focus items elicit new information around the topic of academic mindset, such as whether students feel welcome and respected at the college, whether they believe they can learn all of the material being presented in their courses, and whether they feel like they can change their intelligence by working hard on their studies. Frequency results from the first five special-focus items for your college and the 2018 *CCSSE* Academic Mindset item-set respondents are displayed across pages 6 and 7.

Figure 5: I feel welcome and respected at this college.

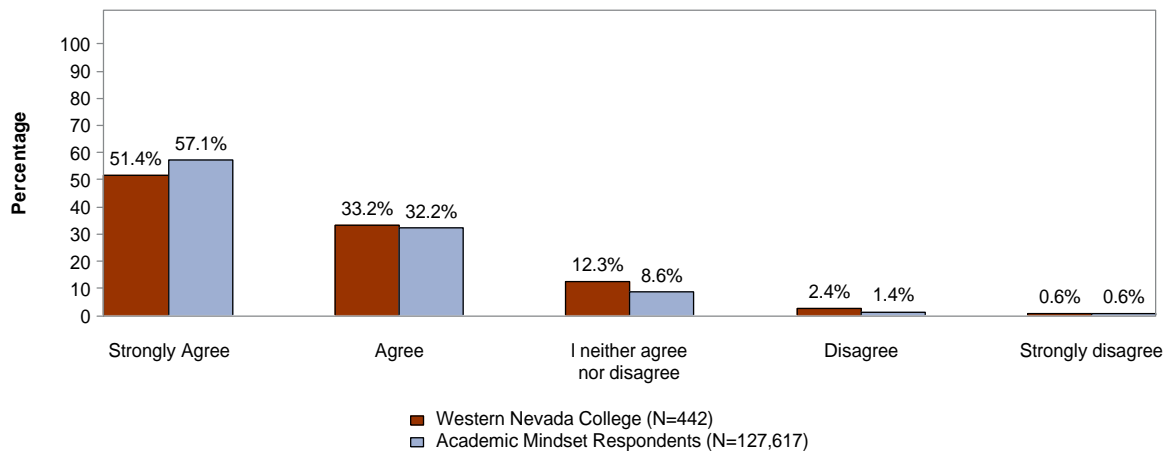


Figure 6: This college is preparing me for what I plan to do in life.

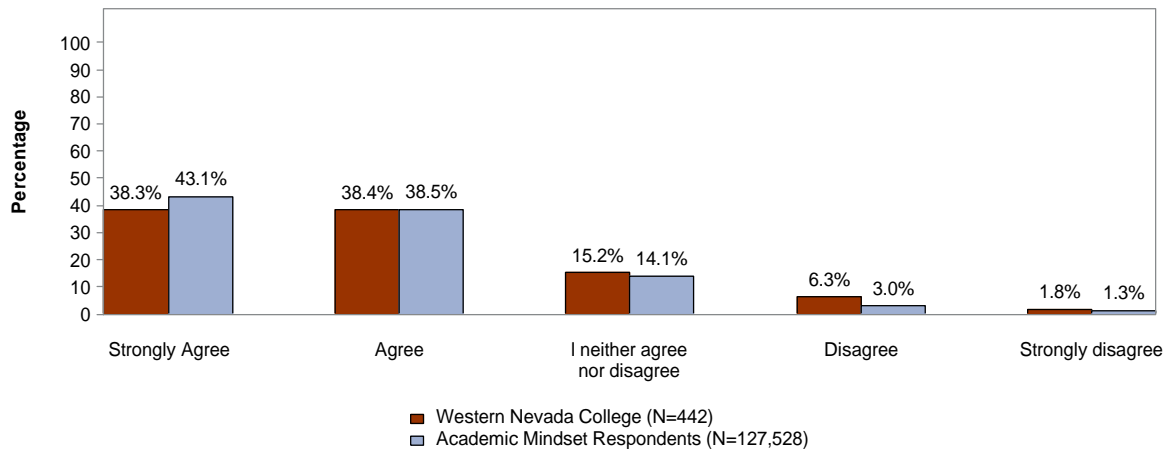




Figure 7: I can learn all of the material being presented in my courses this academic term.

CCFSSE

The Community College Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (*CCFSSE*), designed as a companion survey to *CCSSE*, elicits information from faculty about their perceptions regarding students' educational experiences, their teaching practices, and the ways they spend their professional time—both in and out of the classroom.

Forty percent of all *CCFSSE* respondents reported teaching in a part-time capacity, while 60% reported teaching full-time. Below are frequency results for your college's part- and full-time faculty based on their responses to special-focus items on the topic of academic mindset, such as whether they think the students in their selected course sections can learn all of the material being presented and whether they think their students can change their basic intelligence. **2018 *CCFSSE* Academic Mindset item-set respondent data are provided below for colleges that did not participate in the faculty survey.**

Figure 10: Do you think the students in your selected course section can learn all the material being presented?

