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# **NSSE 2017**

## **Engagement Indicators**

West Texas A&M University

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### About Your Engagement Indicators Report

Engagement Indicators (EIs) provide a useful summary of the detailed information contained in your students' NSSE responses. By combining responses to related NSSE questions, each EI offers valuable information about a distinct aspect of student engagement. Ten indicators, based on three to eight survey questions each (a total of 47 survey questions), are organized into four broad themes as shown at right.

Theme	Engagement Indicator
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning Reflective & Integrative Learning Learning Strategies Quantitative Reasoning
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning Discussions with Diverse Others
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction Effective Teaching Practices
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions Supportive Environment

### Report Sections

#### Overview (p. 3)

Displays how average EI scores for your students compare with those of students at your comparison group institutions.

#### Theme Reports (pp. 4-13)

Detailed views of EI scores within the four themes for your students and those at comparison group institutions. Three views offer varied insights into your EI scores:

##### Mean Comparisons

Straightforward comparisons of average scores between your students and those at comparison group institutions, with tests of significance and effect sizes (see below).

##### Score Distributions

Box-and-whisker charts show the variation in scores *within* your institution and comparison groups.

##### Performance on Indicator Items

Responses to each item in a given EI are summarized for your institution and comparison groups.

#### Comparisons with High-Performing Institutions (p. 15)

Comparisons of your students' average scores on each EI with those of students at institutions whose average scores were in the top 50% and top 10% of 2016 and 2017 participating institutions.

#### Detailed Statistics (pp. 16-19)

Detailed information about EI score means, distributions, and tests of statistical significance.

### Interpreting Comparisons

Mean comparisons report both statistical significance and effect size. Effect size indicates the practical importance of an observed difference. For EI comparisons, NSSE research has concluded that an effect size of about .1 may be considered small, .3 medium, and .5 large (Rocconi & Gonyea, 2015). Comparisons with an effect size of at least .3 in magnitude (before rounding) are highlighted in the Overview (p. 3).

*EIs vary more among students within an institution than between institutions*, like many experiences and outcomes in higher education. As a result, focusing attention on average scores alone amounts to examining the tip of the iceberg. It's equally important to understand how student engagement varies within your institution. Score distributions indicate how EI scores vary among your students and those in your comparison groups. The Report Builder—Institution Version and your *Major Field Report* (both to be released in the fall) offer valuable perspectives on internal variation and help you investigate your students' engagement in depth.

### How Engagement Indicators are Computed

Each EI is scored on a 60-point scale. To produce an indicator score, the response set for each item is converted to a 60-point scale (e.g., Never = 0; Sometimes = 20; Often = 40; Very often = 60), and the rescaled items are averaged. Thus a score of zero means a student responded at the bottom of the scale for every item in the EI, while a score of 60 indicates responses at the top of the scale on every item.

For more information on EIs and their psychometric properties, refer to the NSSE website: [nsse.indiana.edu](http://nsse.indiana.edu)

## Engagement Indicators: Overview

Engagement Indicators are summary measures based on sets of NSSE questions examining key dimensions of student engagement. The ten indicators are organized within four broad themes: Academic Challenge, Learning with Peers, Experiences with Faculty, and Campus Environment. The tables below compare average scores for your students with those in your comparison groups.

Use the following key:

- ▲ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size at least .3 in magnitude.
- △ **Your students' average** was significantly higher ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
- No significant difference.
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### First-Year Students

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	Your first-year students compared with Southwest Public	Your first-year students compared with Carnegie Class	Your first-year students compared with NSSE 2016 & 2017
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	--	--	--
	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	--	--
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	--	△	△
	Discussions with Diverse Others	--	△	△
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	△	△	△
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	--	--	--
	Supportive Environment	--	--	--

### Seniors

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	Reflective & Integrative Learning	--	▽	--
	Learning Strategies	--	--	--
	Quantitative Reasoning	--	--	--
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	▽	▽	▽
	Discussions with Diverse Others	▽	▽	▽
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	--	--	--
	Effective Teaching Practices	--	--	--
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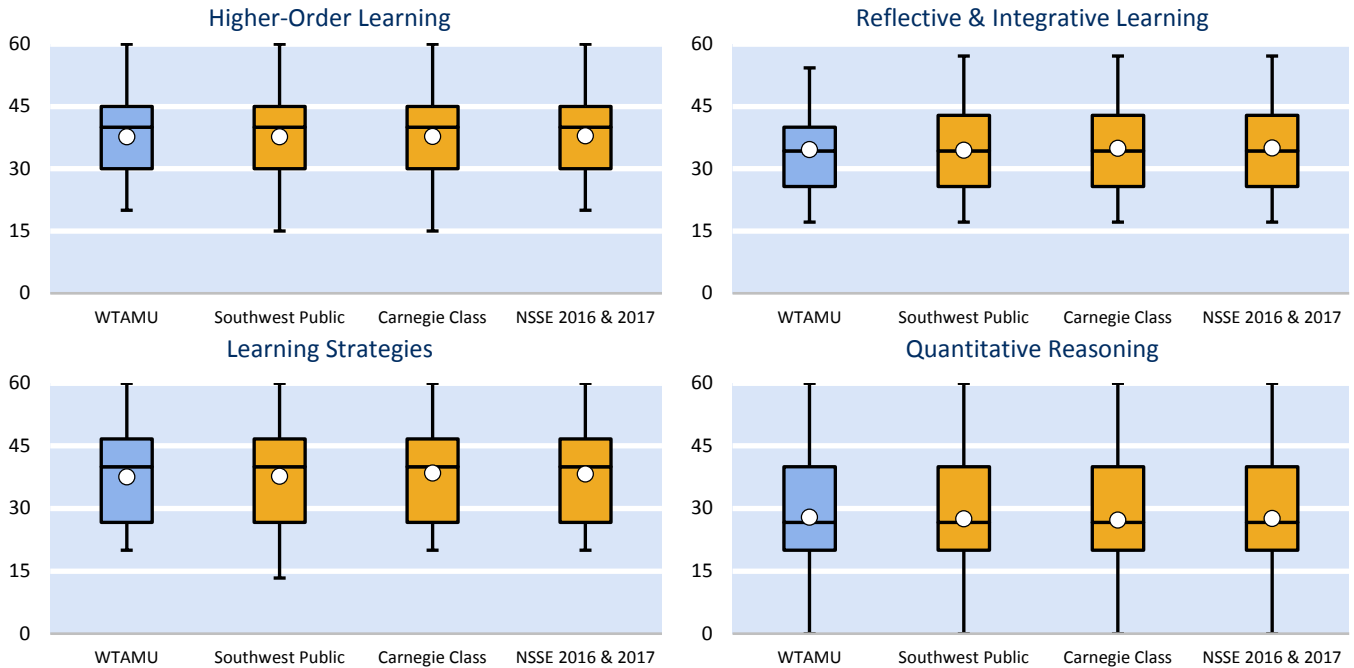
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#### Mean Comparisons

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Higher-Order Learning	37.7	37.7	.00	37.8	.00	37.9	-.02
Reflective & Integrative Learning	34.6	34.5	.01	34.9	-.03	35.0	-.04
Learning Strategies	37.6	37.8	-.01	38.5	-.07	38.3	-.05
Quantitative Reasoning	27.9	27.5	.02	27.2	.04	27.6	.02

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<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much coursework emphasized...</i>				
	%			
4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	72	+1	+2	+1
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	68	-1	-1	-2
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	65	-3	-5	-4
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	66	-2	-2	-2
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	52	+2	+1	+0
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	48	+0	-4	-4
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	47	-1	-4	-3
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	65	+3	+2	+2
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	68	-2	-1	-1
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	67	+0	+0	+0
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	76	+1	-0	-1
<b>Learning Strategies</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	70	-4	-7	-6
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	68	+2	+1	+2
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	62	+1	-1	-1
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
6a. Reached conclusions based on your own analysis of numerical information (numbers, graphs, statistics, etc.)	53	-1	+1	+0
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	39	+1	+1	+0
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	43	+5	+6	+5

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### Academic Challenge: Seniors

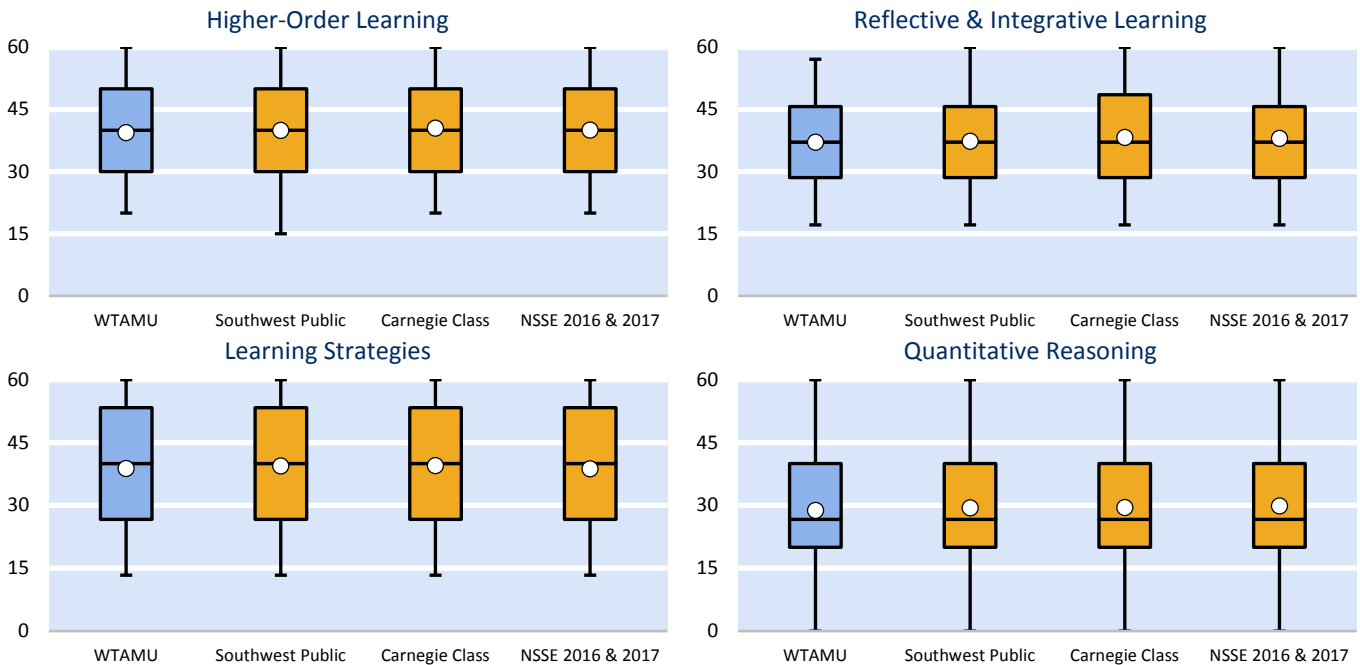
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	37.1	37.4	-.02	38.3 *	-.10	38.0	-.07
Learning Strategies	38.8	39.4	-.05	39.4	-.05	38.7	.00
Quantitative Reasoning	28.8	29.4	-.04	29.5	-.04	29.9	-.07

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4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	77	-1	-2	-1
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4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	71	+1	-2	+1
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	72	+0	-1	+0
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	65	-2	-3	-4
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	60	+1	-3	-1
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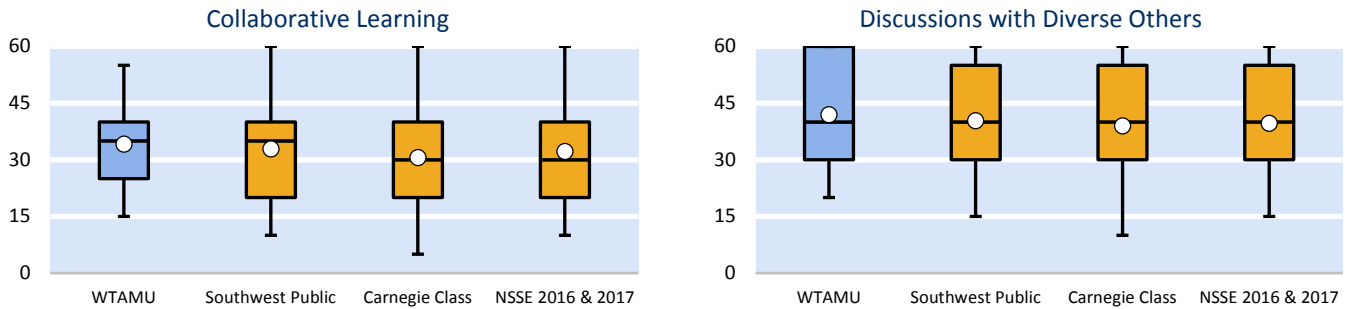
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<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	58	+4	+9	+6
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	63	+5	+9	+6
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	55	+4	+8	+5
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	56	+0	+5	+2
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...</i>				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	75	+2	+6	+4
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	81	+9	+11	+9
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	67	-1	+2	+1
8d. People with political views other than your own	72	+3	+6	+5

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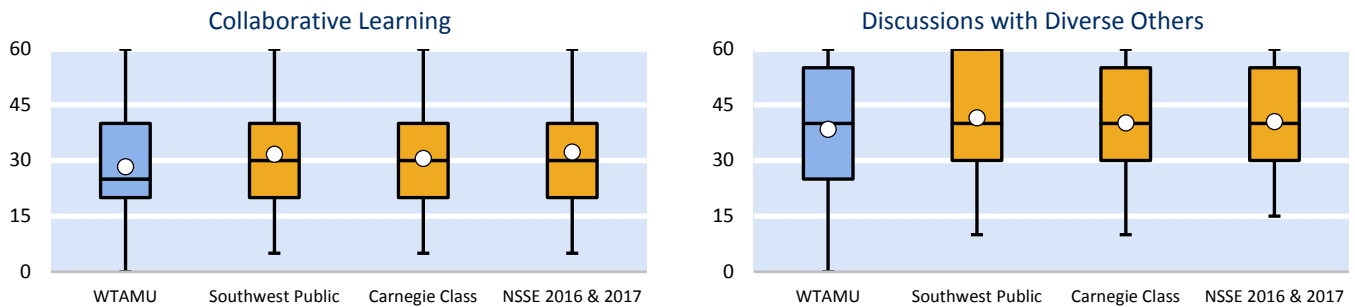
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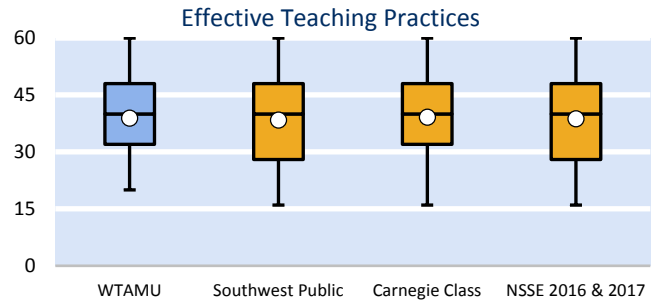
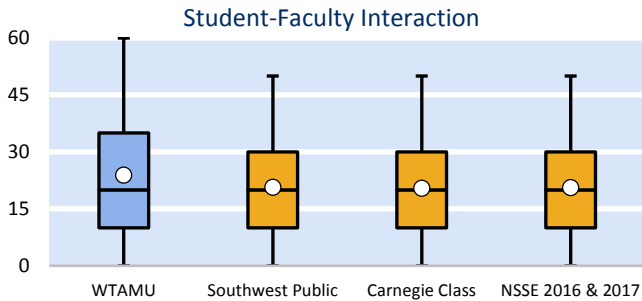
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3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	30	+5	+5	+5
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<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
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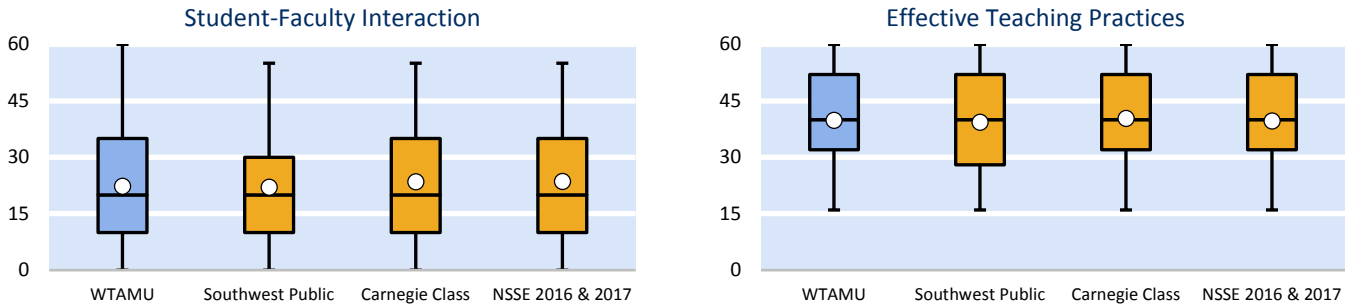
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3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	25	+0	-1	-2
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	28	-1	-4	-4
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	30	-0	-4	-2
<i>Effective Teaching Practices</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	82	+2	+0	+1
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	81	+4	+2	+3
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	76	+0	-2	-2
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	56	-2	-6	-4
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	64	+2	-3	-0

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### Campus Environment: First-year students

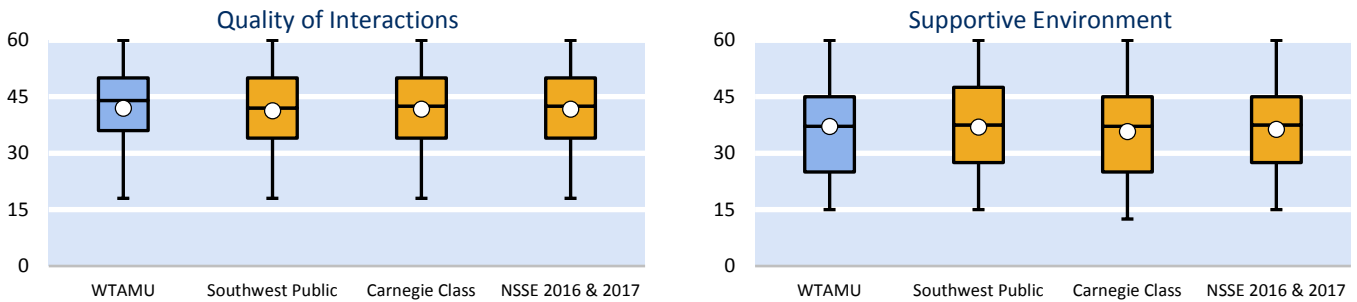
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#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	WTAMU Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Southwest Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	42.0	41.3	.05	41.7	.02	41.7	.02
Supportive Environment	37.1	37.0	.01	35.7	.10	36.3	.06

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and *p* before rounding; \**p* < .05, \*\**p* < .01, \*\*\**p* < .001 (2-tailed).

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#### Performance<sup>a</sup> on Indicator Items

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Quality of Interactions	WTAMU	Percentage point difference between your FY students and		
		Southwest Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>	%			
13a. Students	54	+4	+3	+2
13b. Academic advisors	48	-1	-1	-2
13c. Faculty	54	+7	+4	+4
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	46	+2	+2	+2
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	42	+0	-2	-0
<i>Supportive Environment</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	71	-4	-4	-5
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	74	-2	-2	-2
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	65	+1	+3	+3
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	73	+1	+4	+2
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	73	+2	+5	+3
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	52	+6	+9	+9
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	62	-5	+1	-3
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	51	-1	+1	-1

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### Campus Environment: Seniors

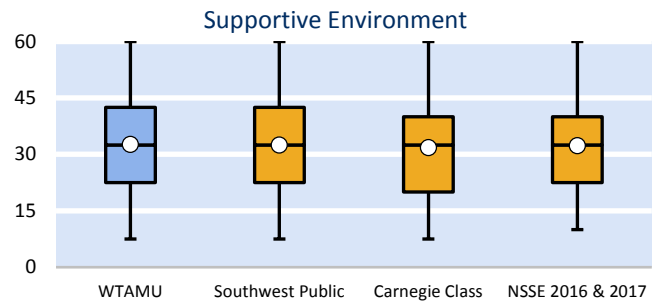
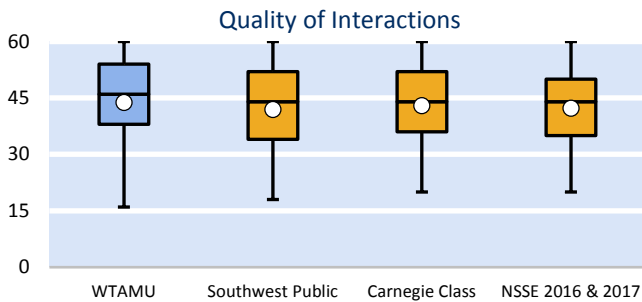
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#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	WTAMU Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Southwest Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2016 & 2017	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	43.8	41.9 **	.15	43.0	.07	42.2 **	.13
Supportive Environment	32.7	32.5	.01	31.8	.06	32.3	.02

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Quality of Interactions	WTAMU	Percentage point difference between your seniors and		
		Southwest Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2016 & 2017
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
13a. Students	57	-0	-2	-1
13b. Academic advisors	58	+9	+5	+7
13c. Faculty	62	+5	+2	+5
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	50	+8	+6	+8
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	49	+6	+4	+8
<i>Supportive Environment</i>				
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14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	51	-2	+3	-2
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### Comparisons with Top 50% and Top 10% Institutions

While NSSE's policy is not to rank institutions (see [nsse.indiana.edu/html/position\\_policies.cfm](http://nsse.indiana.edu/html/position_policies.cfm)), the results below are designed to compare the engagement of your students with those attending two groups of institutions identified by NSSE<sup>a</sup> for their high average levels of student engagement:

- (a) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 50% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2016 and 2017 NSSE institutions.

While the average scores for most institutions are below the mean for the top 50% or top 10%, your institution may show areas of distinction where your average student was as engaged as (or even more engaged than) the typical student at high-performing institutions. A check mark (✓) signifies those comparisons where your average score was at least comparable<sup>b</sup> to that of the high-performing group. However, the presence of a check mark does not necessarily mean that your institution was a member of that group.

It should be noted that most of the variability in student engagement is within, not between, institutions. Even "high-performing" institutions have students with engagement levels below the average for all institutions.

#### First-Year Students

Theme	Engagement Indicator	WTAMU Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	37.7	39.2	-.11		41.2 ***	-.26	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	34.6	36.6 **	-.16		38.3 ***	-.30	
	Learning Strategies	37.6	39.8 **	-.16		41.9 ***	-.31	
	Quantitative Reasoning	27.9	28.8	-.06	✓	30.4 **	-.17	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	34.1	35.2	-.08	✓	37.1 ***	-.22	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	41.9	41.7	.01	✓	43.8 *	-.13	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	23.8	23.8	.00	✓	27.2 ***	-.22	
	Effective Teaching Practices	38.9	40.7 *	-.14		42.6 ***	-.27	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	42.0	43.8 *	-.16		46.1 ***	-.35	
	Supportive Environment	37.1	38.2	-.09	✓	40.0 ***	-.22	

#### Seniors

Theme	Engagement Indicator	WTAMU Mean	Your seniors compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	39.4	41.8 ***	-.18		43.3 ***	-.28	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	37.1	40.0 ***	-.24		42.0 ***	-.40	
	Learning Strategies	38.8	40.7 **	-.14		42.9 ***	-.29	
	Quantitative Reasoning	28.8	31.1 **	-.15		33.0 ***	-.26	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	28.4	35.8 ***	-.54		37.9 ***	-.71	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	38.4	42.3 ***	-.25		44.3 ***	-.38	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	22.2	29.2 ***	-.45		33.0 ***	-.67	
	Effective Teaching Practices	39.8	41.8 **	-.15		43.8 ***	-.30	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	43.8	44.8	-.08	✓	46.9 ***	-.25	
	Supportive Environment	32.7	34.8 **	-.15		37.2 ***	-.33	

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation; \*p < .05, \*\*p < .01, \*\*\*p < .001 (2-tailed).

a. Precision-weighted means (produced by Hierarchical Linear Modeling) were used to determine the top 50% and top 10% institutions for each Engagement Indicator from all NSSE 2016 and 2017 institutions, separately by class. Using this method, Engagement Indicator scores of institutions with relatively large standard errors were adjusted toward the mean of all students, while those with smaller standard errors received smaller corrections. As a result, schools with less stable data—even those with high average scores—may not be among the top scorers. NSSE does not publish the names of the top 50% and top 10% institutions because of our commitment not to release institutional results and our policy against ranking institutions.

b. Check marks are assigned to comparisons that are either significant and positive, or non-significant with an effect size > -.10.

#### Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Academic Challenge</b>												
<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 278)	37.7	13.1	.78	20	30	40	45	60				
Southwest Public	37.7	13.4	.10	15	30	40	45	60	18,222	.0	.990	-.001
Carnegie Class	37.8	13.4	.05	15	30	40	45	60	65,380	-.1	.948	-.004
NSSE 2016 & 2017	37.9	13.3	.03	20	30	40	45	60	227,090	-.2	.773	-.017
Top 50%	39.2	13.1	.04	20	30	40	50	60	129,606	-1.5	.065	-.111
Top 10%	41.2	13.3	.09	20	35	40	50	60	24,178	-3.5	.000	-.260
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 287)	34.6	11.7	.69	17	26	34	40	54				
Southwest Public	34.5	12.0	.09	17	26	34	43	57	18,932	.1	.886	.008
Carnegie Class	34.9	12.0	.05	17	26	34	43	57	68,089	-.3	.644	-.027
NSSE 2016 & 2017	35.0	12.0	.02	17	26	34	43	57	236,514	-.4	.544	-.036
Top 50%	36.6	12.0	.03	17	29	37	46	57	120,602	-2.0	.005	-.164
Top 10%	38.3	12.3	.08	20	29	37	46	60	26,396	-3.6	.000	-.297
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
WTAMU (N = 254)	37.6	12.7	.80	20	27	40	47	60				
Southwest Public	37.8	13.9	.11	13	27	40	47	60	16,097	-.2	.830	-.014
Carnegie Class	38.5	13.8	.06	20	27	40	47	60	58,380	-.9	.277	-.068
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.3	13.7	.03	20	27	40	47	60	202,212	-.7	.423	-.050
Top 50%	39.8	13.7	.04	20	27	40	53	60	100,191	-2.3	.009	-.164
Top 10%	41.9	14.1	.09	20	33	40	53	60	259	-4.4	.000	-.310
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 277)	27.9	16.0	.96	0	20	27	40	60				
Southwest Public	27.5	15.5	.12	0	20	27	40	60	18,112	.3	.710	.023
Carnegie Class	27.2	15.4	.06	0	20	27	40	60	65,078	.7	.458	.045
NSSE 2016 & 2017	27.6	15.4	.03	0	20	27	40	60	226,241	.3	.742	.020
Top 50%	28.8	15.2	.04	0	20	27	40	60	139,496	-.9	.303	-.062
Top 10%	30.4	15.2	.08	7	20	27	40	60	34,227	-2.5	.006	-.166
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 297)	34.1	13.0	.75	15	25	35	40	55				
Southwest Public	32.8	14.2	.10	10	20	35	40	60	307	1.3	.084	.093
Carnegie Class	30.6	14.9	.06	5	20	30	40	60	299	3.6	.000	.242
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.2	14.5	.03	10	20	30	40	60	297	2.0	.009	.137
Top 50%	35.2	13.6	.04	15	25	35	45	60	139,975	-1.0	.187	-.077
Top 10%	37.1	13.4	.07	15	25	40	45	60	34,578	-2.9	.000	-.219
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
WTAMU (N = 253)	41.9	15.0	.94	20	30	40	60	60				
Southwest Public	40.3	16.1	.13	15	30	40	55	60	16,201	1.6	.124	.097
Carnegie Class	39.0	15.9	.07	10	30	40	55	60	58,900	2.9	.003	.185
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.7	15.5	.03	15	30	40	55	60	204,056	2.2	.021	.145
Top 50%	41.7	14.9	.04	20	30	40	55	60	127,706	.2	.845	.012
Top 10%	43.8	14.5	.08	20	35	45	60	60	30,291	-1.9	.039	-.130



#### Detailed Statistics: First-year students

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Experiences with Faculty</b>												
<b>Student-Faculty Interaction</b>												
WTAMU (N = 282)	23.8	16.3	.97	0	10	20	35	60				
Southwest Public	20.7	14.9	.11	0	10	20	30	50	288	3.1	.001	.211
Carnegie Class	20.4	14.5	.06	0	10	20	30	50	283	3.4	.001	.235
NSSE 2016 & 2017	20.6	14.5	.03	0	10	20	30	50	282	3.2	.001	.224
Top 50%	23.8	14.7	.05	0	15	20	35	55	283	.0	.974	.002
Top 10%	27.2	15.6	.14	5	15	25	40	60	13,367	-3.4	.000	-.218
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
WTAMU (N = 282)	38.9	12.6	.75	20	32	40	48	60				
Southwest Public	38.3	13.3	.10	16	28	40	48	60	18,378	.6	.480	.042
Carnegie Class	39.1	13.2	.05	16	32	40	48	60	66,069	-.2	.783	-.016
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	13.1	.03	16	28	40	48	60	229,514	.2	.796	.015
Top 50%	40.7	13.0	.04	20	32	40	52	60	91,064	-1.8	.020	-.138
Top 10%	42.6	13.6	.09	20	36	44	56	60	290	-3.7	.000	-.273
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
WTAMU (N = 245)	42.0	12.7	.81	18	36	44	50	60				
Southwest Public	41.3	12.8	.10	18	34	42	50	60	15,409	.6	.435	.050
Carnegie Class	41.7	12.6	.05	18	34	43	50	60	55,021	.2	.764	.019
NSSE 2016 & 2017	41.7	12.4	.03	18	34	43	50	60	191,515	.2	.783	.018
Top 50%	43.8	11.5	.04	22	38	46	52	60	245	-1.9	.023	-.161
Top 10%	46.1	11.7	.10	24	40	48	56	60	14,556	-4.1	.000	-.348
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
WTAMU (N = 236)	37.1	13.6	.88	15	25	37	45	60				
Southwest Public	37.0	13.8	.11	15	28	38	48	60	15,011	.1	.870	.011
Carnegie Class	35.7	13.8	.06	13	25	37	45	60	54,369	1.4	.129	.099
NSSE 2016 & 2017	36.3	13.6	.03	15	28	38	45	60	188,521	.8	.389	.056
Top 50%	38.2	13.1	.04	18	30	40	48	60	102,536	-1.1	.184	-.087
Top 10%	40.0	13.0	.08	18	31	40	50	60	24,602	-2.9	.001	-.222

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.

#### Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Academic Challenge</b>												
<b>Higher-Order Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 487)	39.4	13.9	.63	20	30	40	50	60				
Southwest Public	40.0	14.1	.08	15	30	40	50	60	35,410	-.5	.395	-.039
Carnegie Class	40.5	13.7	.04	20	30	40	50	60	111,315	-1.0	.094	-.076
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.0	13.7	.02	20	30	40	50	60	358,897	-.6	.331	-.044
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.04	20	35	40	55	60	142,867	-2.4	.000	-.177
Top 10%	43.3	13.4	.07	20	35	40	55	60	42,578	-3.8	.000	-.283
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 495)	37.1	12.0	.54	17	29	37	46	57				
Southwest Public	37.4	12.8	.07	17	29	37	46	60	509	-.3	.611	-.022
Carnegie Class	38.3	12.6	.04	17	29	37	49	60	114,839	-1.2	.033	-.096
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.0	12.6	.02	17	29	37	46	60	370,717	-.9	.098	-.074
Top 50%	40.0	12.3	.03	20	31	40	49	60	147,218	-2.9	.000	-.237
Top 10%	42.0	12.2	.07	20	34	43	51	60	31,026	-4.9	.000	-.402
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
WTAMU (N = 462)	38.8	15.2	.71	13	27	40	53	60				
Southwest Public	39.4	14.5	.08	13	27	40	53	60	31,862	-.7	.332	-.045
Carnegie Class	39.4	14.5	.05	13	27	40	53	60	101,774	-.7	.313	-.047
NSSE 2016 & 2017	38.7	14.5	.03	13	27	40	53	60	326,625	.0	.967	.002
Top 50%	40.7	14.4	.03	20	33	40	53	60	172,030	-2.0	.003	-.138
Top 10%	42.9	14.3	.06	20	33	40	60	60	50,546	-4.1	.000	-.289
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 481)	28.8	16.2	.74	0	20	27	40	60				
Southwest Public	29.4	16.4	.09	0	20	27	40	60	35,236	-.6	.422	-.037
Carnegie Class	29.5	16.3	.05	0	20	27	40	60	110,961	-.7	.344	-.043
NSSE 2016 & 2017	29.9	16.3	.03	0	20	27	40	60	358,102	-1.1	.147	-.066
Top 50%	31.1	16.2	.03	0	20	33	40	60	217,412	-2.4	.001	-.146
Top 10%	33.0	15.9	.07	7	20	33	40	60	48,381	-4.2	.000	-.264
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
WTAMU (N = 497)	28.4	15.9	.71	0	20	25	40	60				
Southwest Public	31.7	15.4	.08	5	20	30	40	60	37,375	-3.4	.000	-.220
Carnegie Class	30.6	15.7	.05	5	20	30	40	60	116,929	-2.3	.001	-.144
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	15.1	.02	5	20	30	40	60	378,917	-3.9	.000	-.260
Top 50%	35.8	13.8	.03	15	25	35	45	60	498	-7.5	.000	-.542
Top 10%	37.9	13.4	.07	15	30	40	50	60	505	-9.6	.000	-.710
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
WTAMU (N = 463)	38.4	17.0	.79	0	25	40	55	60				
Southwest Public	41.5	16.6	.09	10	30	40	60	60	32,091	-3.1	.000	-.185
Carnegie Class	40.2	16.3	.05	10	30	40	55	60	102,271	-1.7	.024	-.105
NSSE 2016 & 2017	40.5	15.9	.03	15	30	40	55	60	463	-2.1	.009	-.130
Top 50%	42.3	15.6	.03	15	30	40	60	60	464	-3.9	.000	-.249
Top 10%	44.3	15.3	.07	20	35	45	60	60	469	-5.8	.000	-.381

#### Detailed Statistics: Seniors

	Mean statistics			Percentile <sup>d</sup> scores					Comparison results			
	Mean	SD <sup>b</sup>	SEM <sup>c</sup>	5th	25th	50th	75th	95th	Deg. of freedom <sup>e</sup>	Mean diff.	Sig. <sup>f</sup>	Effect size <sup>g</sup>
<b>Experiences with Faculty</b>												
<b>Student-Faculty Interaction</b>												
WTAMU (N = 486)	22.2	16.8	.76	0	10	20	35	60				
Southwest Public	22.0	16.2	.09	0	10	20	30	55	35,800	.3	.726	.016
Carnegie Class	23.5	16.1	.05	0	10	20	35	55	112,542	-1.2	.091	-.077
NSSE 2016 & 2017	23.6	15.9	.03	0	10	20	35	55	363,132	-1.3	.063	-.084
Top 50%	29.2	15.7	.05	5	20	30	40	60	87,800	-7.0	.000	-.445
Top 10%	33.0	16.0	.14	10	20	30	45	60	13,928	-10.8	.000	-.672
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
WTAMU (N = 488)	39.8	14.1	.64	16	32	40	52	60				
Southwest Public	39.2	14.2	.08	16	28	40	52	60	35,754	.5	.408	.038
Carnegie Class	40.3	13.8	.04	16	32	40	52	60	112,535	-.5	.410	-.037
NSSE 2016 & 2017	39.6	13.7	.02	16	32	40	52	60	362,977	.2	.789	.012
Top 50%	41.8	13.5	.04	20	32	40	52	60	124,802	-2.0	.001	-.148
Top 10%	43.8	13.4	.09	20	36	44	56	60	25,208	-4.0	.000	-.301
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
WTAMU (N = 430)	43.8	12.6	.61	16	38	46	54	60				
Southwest Public	41.9	12.9	.08	18	34	44	52	60	29,802	1.9	.003	.146
Carnegie Class	43.0	12.3	.04	20	36	44	52	60	94,927	.8	.157	.068
NSSE 2016 & 2017	42.2	12.1	.02	20	35	44	50	60	307,771	1.6	.007	.130
Top 50%	44.8	11.6	.03	23	38	46	54	60	432	-1.0	.112	-.083
Top 10%	46.9	12.1	.07	23	40	50	58	60	33,049	-3.0	.000	-.252
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
WTAMU (N = 437)	32.7	14.6	.70	8	23	33	43	60				
Southwest Public	32.5	14.7	.09	8	23	33	43	60	30,102	.2	.817	.011
Carnegie Class	31.8	14.4	.05	8	20	33	40	60	96,844	.8	.224	.058
NSSE 2016 & 2017	32.3	14.2	.03	10	23	33	40	60	310,737	.3	.608	.025
Top 50%	34.8	13.7	.04	13	25	35	45	60	438	-2.1	.003	-.152
Top 10%	37.2	13.6	.09	13	28	38	48	60	449	-4.5	.000	-.329

a. Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institutional size for comparison groups).

b. Standard deviation is a measure of the amount the individual scores deviate from the mean of all the scores in the distribution.

c. Standard error of the mean, used to compute a confidence interval (CI) around the sample mean. For example, the 95% CI (equal to the sample mean +/- 1.96 x SEM) is the range that is 95% likely to contain the true population mean.

d. A percentile is the point in the distribution of student-level EI scores at or below which a given percentage of EI scores fall.

e. Degrees of freedom used to compute the *t*-tests. Values vary from the total Ns due to weighting and whether equal variances were assumed.

f. Statistical significance represents the probability that the difference between the mean of your institution and that of the comparison group occurred by chance.

g. Effect size is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation.