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# NSSE 2018

## Engagement Indicators

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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 2017 and 2018 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 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](https://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.
- ▽ **Your students' average** was significantly lower ( $p < .05$ ) with an effect size less than .3 in magnitude.
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### First-Year Students

<i>Theme</i>	<i>Engagement Indicator</i>	<b>Your first-year students</b> compared with Southwest Public	<b>Your first-year students</b> compared with Carnegie Class	<b>Your first-year students</b> compared with NSSE 2017 & 2018
<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	▼	▼	▼
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### Academic Challenge: First-year students

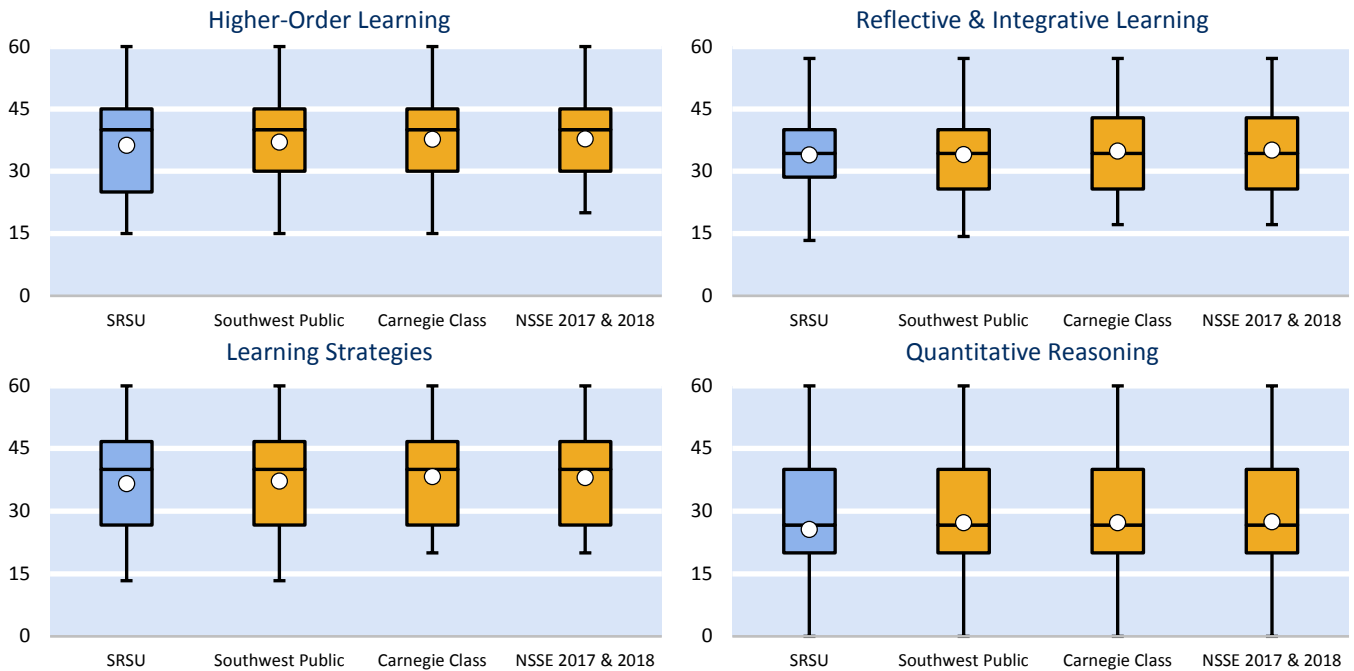
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	34.0	34.0	-.01	34.9	-.08	35.1	-.09
Learning Strategies	36.6	37.2	-.04	38.3	-.12	38.0	-.11
Quantitative Reasoning	25.6	27.2	-.10	27.2	-.11	27.5	-.12

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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	66	-2	-3	-5
4c. Analyzing an idea, experience, or line of reasoning in depth by examining its parts	56	-11	-13	-14
4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	72	+5	+2	+3
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	68	+2	+0	+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	46	-3	-5	-5
2b. Connected your learning to societal problems or issues	52	+6	+1	+1
2c. Included diverse perspectives (political, religious, racial/ethnic, gender, etc.) in course discussions or assignments	54	+7	+4	+3
2d. Examined the strengths and weaknesses of your own views on a topic or issue	64	+2	+1	+1
2e. Tried to better understand someone else's views by imagining how an issue looks from his or her perspective	70	+0	+1	+0
2f. Learned something that changed the way you understand an issue or concept	59	-6	-7	-7
2g. Connected ideas from your courses to your prior experiences and knowledge	66	-8	-11	-11
<b>Learning Strategies</b>				
<i>Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...</i>				
9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	74	+2	-2	-2
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	61	-4	-5	-4
9c. Summarized what you learned in class or from course materials	58	-3	-5	-4
<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.)	43	-9	-8	-9
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	38	+0	-1	-1
6c. Evaluated what others have concluded from numerical information	34	-3	-3	-4

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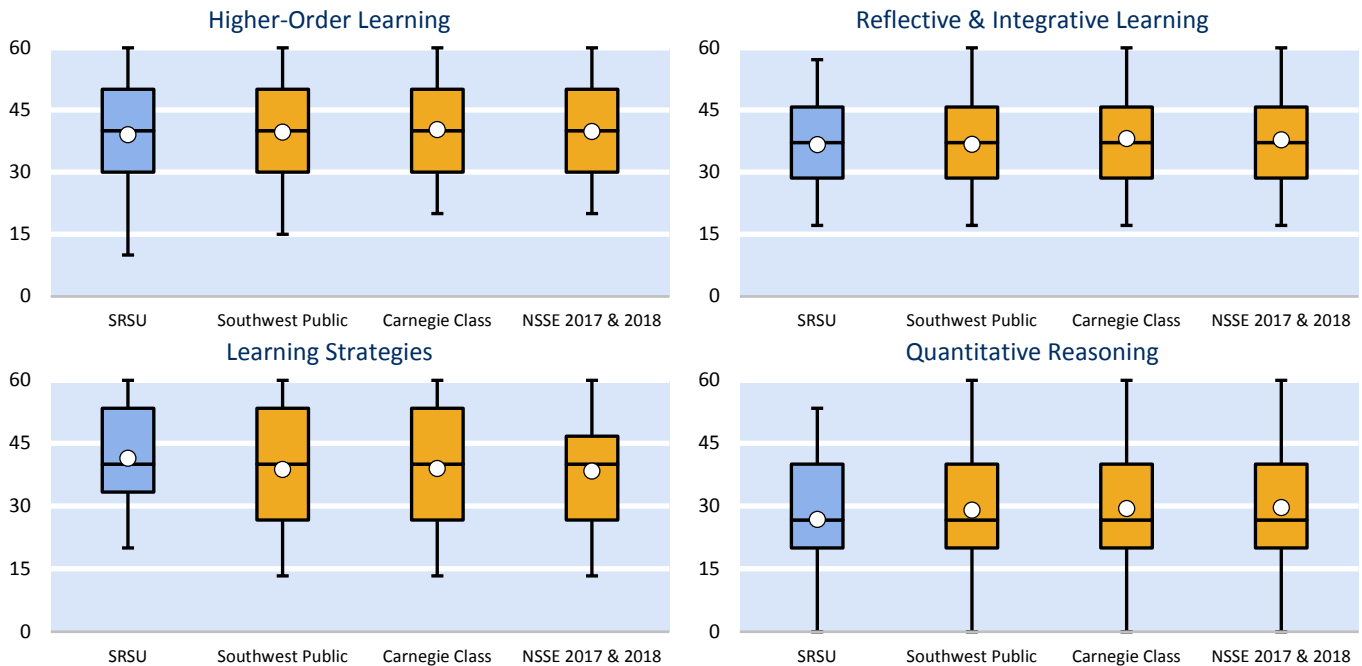
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Reflective & Integrative Learning	36.6	36.8	-.01	38.1	-.12	37.8	-.10
Learning Strategies	41.4	38.7 *	.18	39.0 *	.17	38.3 **	.21
Quantitative Reasoning	26.8	29.0	-.13	29.4 *	-.16	29.6 *	-.17

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4b. Applying facts, theories, or methods to practical problems or new situations	71	-5	-7	-6
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4d. Evaluating a point of view, decision, or information source	73	+4	+1	+3
4e. Forming a new idea or understanding from various pieces of information	71	+1	-1	+0
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2a. Combined ideas from different courses when completing assignments	59	-6	-9	-9
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9a. Identified key information from reading assignments	76	-1	-4	-3
9b. Reviewed your notes after class	73	+9	+10	+12
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<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.)	49	-7	-6	-7
6b. Used numerical information to examine a real-world problem or issue (unemployment, climate change, public health, etc.)	40	-2	-4	-4
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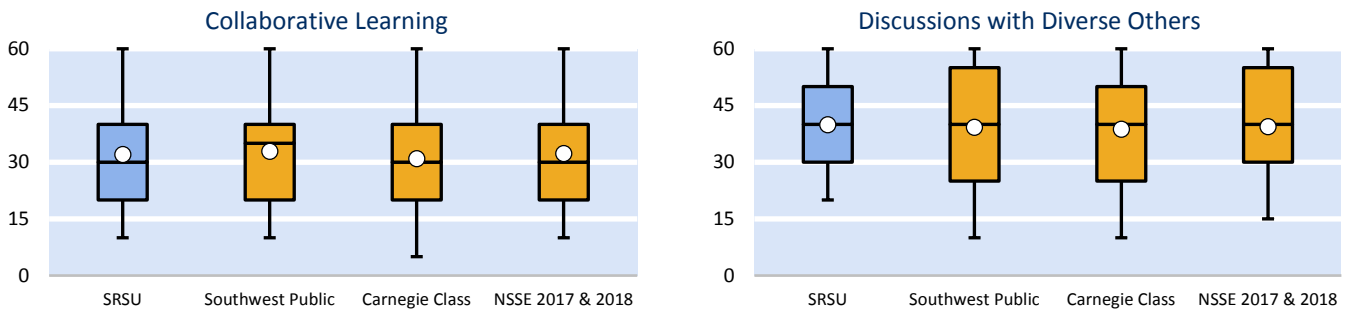
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<b>Collaborative Learning</b>				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...				
1e. Asked another student to help you understand course material	47	-7	-3	-6
1f. Explained course material to one or more students	51	-8	-4	-7
1g. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	53	+2	+6	+3
1h. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	55	-1	+2	+0
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...				
8a. People from a race or ethnicity other than your own	75	+5	+6	+5
8b. People from an economic background other than your own	71	+2	+2	+0
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	70	+4	+6	+4
8d. People with political views other than your own	70	+5	+5	+5

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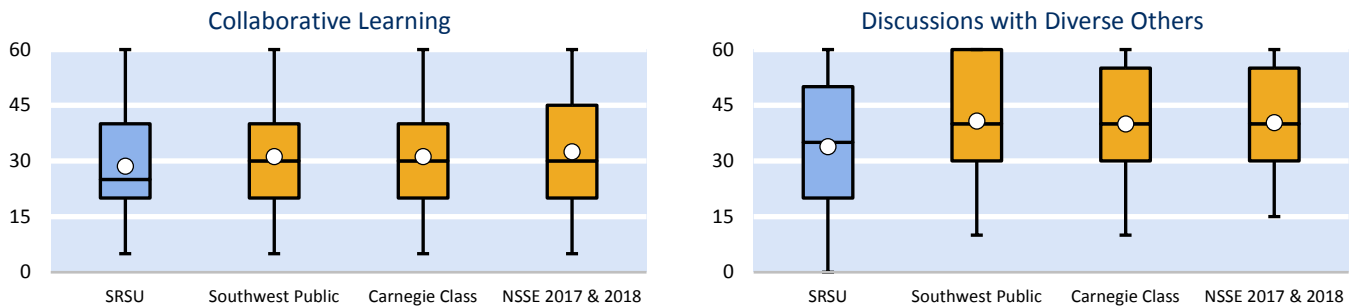
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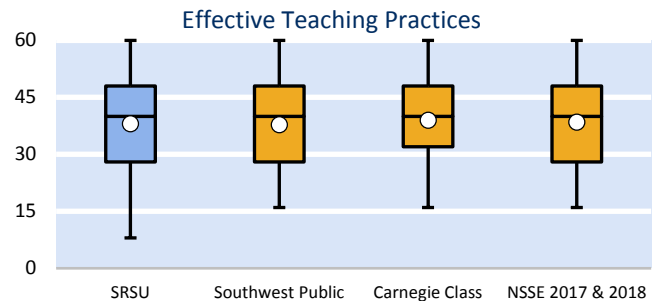
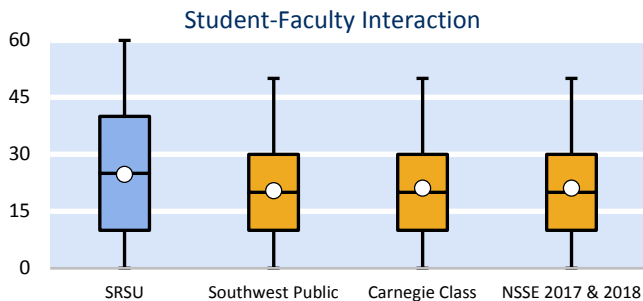
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3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	38	+14	+13	+12
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<i>Effective Teaching Practices</i>				
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much instructors have...</i>				
5a. Clearly explained course goals and requirements	79	+3	+1	+1
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	68	-6	-7	-7
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	71	-1	-3	-3
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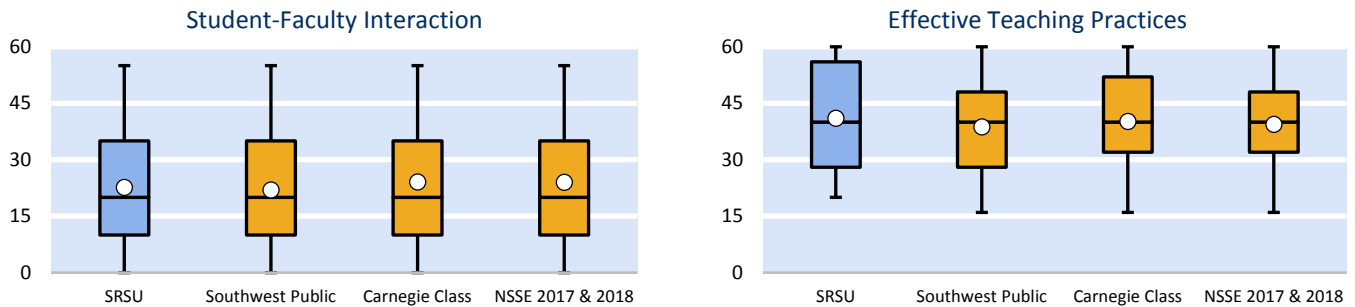
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	%			
3a. Talked about career plans with a faculty member	43	+4	-2	-1
3b. Worked w/faculty on activities other than coursework (committees, student groups, etc.)	29	+4	+2	+1
3c. Discussed course topics, ideas, or concepts with a faculty member outside of class	26	-3	-7	-7
3d. Discussed your academic performance with a faculty member	35	+5	+0	+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	79	+0	-2	-1
5b. Taught course sessions in an organized way	77	+1	-1	-1
5c. Used examples or illustrations to explain difficult points	76	+1	-2	-1
5d. Provided feedback on a draft or work in progress	64	+7	+1	+4
5e. Provided prompt and detailed feedback on tests or completed assignments	64	+3	-2	+1

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a. Percentage point difference = Institution percentage – Comparison group percentage. Because results are rounded to whole numbers, differences of less than 1 point may or may not display a bar. Small, but nonzero differences may be represented as +0 or -0.

### Campus Environment: First-year students

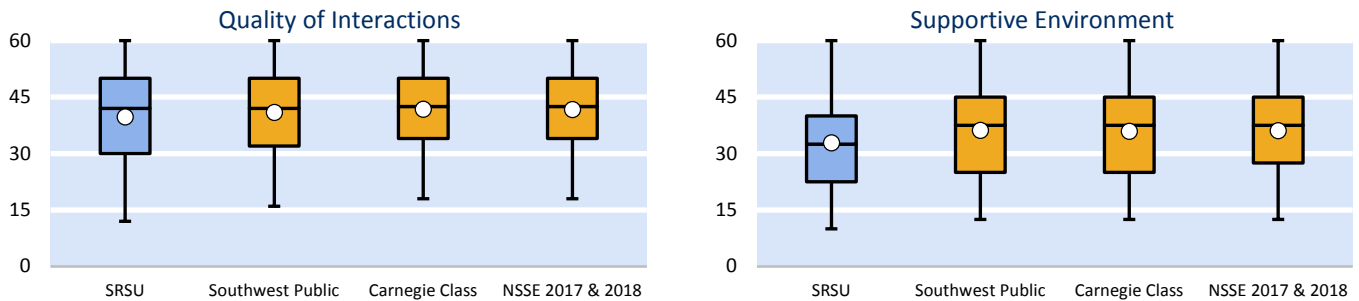
Students benefit and are more satisfied in supportive settings that cultivate positive relationships among students, faculty, and staff. Two Engagement Indicators investigate this theme: *Quality of Interactions* and *Supportive Environment*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	SRSU Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		Southwest Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2017 & 2018	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	39.8	40.9	-.09	41.8	-.16	41.7	-.15
Supportive Environment	32.9	36.2 *	-.23	36.0 *	-.22	36.1 *	-.24

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).

#### Score Distributions



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#### Performance on Indicator Items

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

Quality of Interactions	SRSU	Percentage point difference <sup>a</sup> between your FY students and		
		Southwest Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2017 & 2018
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
	%			
13a. Students	44	-3	-6	-6
13b. Academic advisors	46	-1	-3	-3
13c. Faculty	49	+4	+0	+1
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	37	-6	-7	-7
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	44	+2	-0	+1
<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	65	-10	-11	-11
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	65	-12	-11	-11
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	52	-9	-10	-9
14e. Providing opportunities to be involved socially	59	-12	-11	-12
14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	59	-10	-10	-10
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	36	-7	-8	-6
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	61	-3	-0	-2
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	43	-6	-7	-8

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### Campus Environment: Seniors

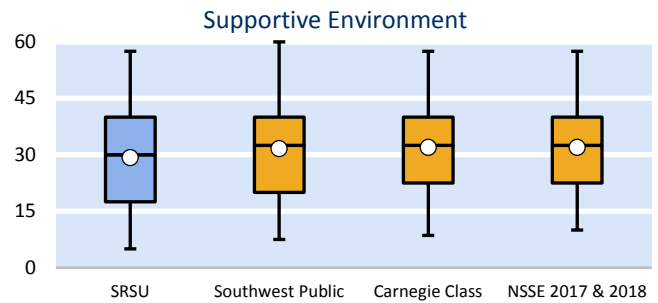
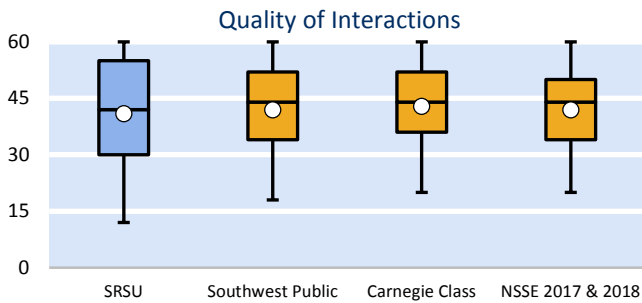
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#### Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	SRSU Mean	Your seniors compared with					
		Southwest Public		Carnegie Class		NSSE 2017 & 2018	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Quality of Interactions	41.0	41.9	-.08	42.9	-.15	42.0	-.08
Supportive Environment	29.3	31.6 *	-.16	32.0 *	-.19	32.0 *	-.19

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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Quality of Interactions	SRSU %	Percentage point difference <sup>a</sup> between your seniors and		
		Southwest Public	Carnegie Class	NSSE 2017 & 2018
<i>Percentage rating their interactions a 6 or 7 (on a scale from 1="Poor" to 7="Excellent") with...</i>				
13a. Students	59	+3	+1	+3
13b. Academic advisors	52	+2	-1	+1
13c. Faculty	55	+0	-3	-1
13d. Student services staff (career services, student activities, housing, etc.)	44	+2	-0	+3
13e. Other administrative staff and offices (registrar, financial aid, etc.)	46	+3	+1	+5
<i>Percentage responding "Very much" or "Quite a bit" about how much the institution emphasized...</i>				
14b. Providing support to help students succeed academically	58	-11	-13	-12
14c. Using learning support services (tutoring services, writing center, etc.)	66	+2	+0	+1
14d. Encouraging contact among students from diff. backgrounds (soc., racial/eth., relig., etc.)	52	-3	-3	-2
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14f. Providing support for your overall well-being (recreation, health care, counseling, etc.)	49	-10	-11	-11
14g. Helping you manage your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)	27	-5	-5	-3
14h. Attending campus activities and events (performing arts, athletic events, etc.)	47	-4	-1	-4
14i. Attending events that address important social, economic, or political issues	36	-3	-6	-7

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile included in your *Institutional Report* and available on the NSSE website.

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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](https://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 2017 and 2018 NSSE institutions, and
- (b) institutions with average scores placing them in the top 10% of all 2017 and 2018 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		SRSU Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
			NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
Theme	Engagement Indicator		Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	36.2	38.9 *	-.21		40.5 **	-.32	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	34.0	36.5 *	-.21		38.1 ***	-.34	
	Learning Strategies	36.6	39.5 *	-.21		41.6 ***	-.36	
	Quantitative Reasoning	25.6	28.7 *	-.20		30.4 **	-.31	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	32.0	35.1 *	-.23		37.2 ***	-.39	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	39.9	41.4	-.10	✓	43.4 *	-.24	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	24.7	24.3	.03	✓	27.2	-.16	
	Effective Teaching Practices	38.1	40.3	-.17		42.0 **	-.29	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	39.8	43.9 **	-.35		45.9 ***	-.50	
	Supportive Environment	32.9	37.9 ***	-.38		39.7 ***	-.52	
Seniors		SRSU Mean	Your seniors compared with					
Theme	Engagement Indicator		NSSE Top 50%			NSSE Top 10%		
			Mean	Effect size	✓	Mean	Effect size	✓
<i>Academic Challenge</i>	Higher-Order Learning	39.1	41.3 *	-.17		42.5 **	-.25	
	Reflective and Integrative Learning	36.6	39.6 **	-.24		41.1 ***	-.37	
	Learning Strategies	41.4	40.2	.09	✓	42.3	-.07	✓
	Quantitative Reasoning	26.8	30.7 **	-.24		32.7 ***	-.37	
<i>Learning with Peers</i>	Collaborative Learning	28.6	35.7 ***	-.51		38.1 ***	-.70	
	Discussions with Diverse Others	33.9	41.9 ***	-.52		43.8 ***	-.64	
<i>Experiences with Faculty</i>	Student-Faculty Interaction	22.6	29.2 ***	-.42		33.3 ***	-.66	
	Effective Teaching Practices	41.0	41.1	-.01	✓	43.1 *	-.16	
<i>Campus Environment</i>	Quality of Interactions	41.0	44.4 **	-.29		46.5 ***	-.45	
	Supportive Environment	29.3	34.3 ***	-.36		36.4 ***	-.51	

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 2017 and 2018 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>												
SRSU (N = 105)	36.2	13.6	1.32	15	25	40	45	60				
Southwest Public	37.0	13.6	.11	15	30	40	45	60	15,077	-.8	.564	-.056
Carnegie Class	37.7	13.3	.06	15	30	40	45	60	52,889	-1.5	.261	-.110
NSSE 2017 & 2018	37.8	13.2	.03	20	30	40	45	60	178,951	-1.6	.217	-.120
Top 50%	38.9	13.1	.04	20	30	40	50	60	106,209	-2.7	.034	-.207
Top 10%	40.5	13.3	.08	20	30	40	50	60	25,318	-4.3	.001	-.320
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
SRSU (N = 111)	34.0	12.1	1.15	13	29	34	40	57				
Southwest Public	34.0	12.1	.10	14	26	34	40	57	16,079	-.1	.948	-.006
Carnegie Class	34.9	11.9	.05	17	26	34	43	57	55,800	-.9	.423	-.076
NSSE 2017 & 2018	35.1	11.9	.03	17	26	34	43	57	188,884	-1.1	.338	-.091
Top 50%	36.5	11.8	.04	17	29	37	43	57	99,693	-2.5	.027	-.210
Top 10%	38.1	12.0	.08	20	29	37	46	60	21,440	-4.1	.000	-.340
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
SRSU (N = 105)	36.6	14.7	1.43	13	27	40	47	60				
Southwest Public	37.2	14.0	.12	13	27	40	47	60	13,800	-.6	.677	-.041
Carnegie Class	38.3	13.8	.06	20	27	40	47	60	48,333	-1.7	.210	-.122
NSSE 2017 & 2018	38.0	13.7	.03	20	27	40	47	60	163,215	-1.4	.280	-.105
Top 50%	39.5	13.7	.05	20	27	40	53	60	86,070	-2.9	.029	-.213
Top 10%	41.6	14.1	.10	20	33	40	53	60	20,844	-5.0	.000	-.356
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
SRSU (N = 104)	25.6	15.8	1.55	0	20	27	40	60				
Southwest Public	27.2	15.6	.13	0	20	27	40	60	14,553	-1.6	.290	-.104
Carnegie Class	27.2	15.3	.07	0	20	27	40	60	51,773	-1.6	.282	-.106
NSSE 2017 & 2018	27.5	15.3	.04	0	20	27	40	60	174,756	-1.9	.212	-.123
Top 50%	28.7	15.2	.05	0	20	27	40	60	112,319	-3.1	.041	-.201
Top 10%	30.4	15.3	.09	7	20	27	40	60	27,532	-4.8	.001	-.313
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
SRSU (N = 114)	32.0	14.4	1.35	10	20	30	40	60				
Southwest Public	32.8	14.3	.11	10	20	35	40	60	17,175	-.9	.519	-.061
Carnegie Class	30.9	14.7	.06	5	20	30	40	60	58,390	1.0	.453	.070
NSSE 2017 & 2018	32.3	14.4	.03	10	20	30	40	60	198,447	-.3	.813	-.022
Top 50%	35.1	13.6	.04	15	25	35	45	60	117,213	-3.2	.013	-.232
Top 10%	37.2	13.6	.08	15	25	40	45	60	26,264	-5.3	.000	-.387
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
SRSU (N = 104)	39.9	14.6	1.43	20	30	40	50	60				
Southwest Public	39.2	16.5	.14	10	25	40	55	60	105	.7	.604	.045
Carnegie Class	38.7	15.9	.07	10	25	40	50	60	48,733	1.2	.442	.075
NSSE 2017 & 2018	39.4	15.5	.04	15	30	40	55	60	164,611	.5	.719	.035
Top 50%	41.4	15.0	.05	15	30	40	55	60	107,312	-1.5	.320	-.098
Top 10%	43.4	14.8	.10	20	35	45	60	60	23,908	-3.5	.016	-.236



#### 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>												
SRSU (N = 107)	24.7	17.4	1.68	0	10	25	40	60				
Southwest Public	20.4	14.8	.12	0	10	20	30	50	107	4.3	.011	.293
Carnegie Class	21.1	14.6	.06	0	10	20	30	50	106	3.6	.033	.250
NSSE 2017 & 2018	21.1	14.6	.03	0	10	20	30	50	106	3.6	.033	.249
Top 50%	24.3	14.8	.06	5	15	20	35	55	106	.5	.783	.031
Top 10%	27.2	15.8	.15	5	15	25	40	60	11,226	-2.5	.102	-.159
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
SRSU (N = 107)	38.1	14.7	1.43	8	28	40	48	60				
Southwest Public	37.8	13.6	.11	16	28	40	48	60	15,044	.2	.850	.018
Carnegie Class	38.9	13.2	.06	16	32	40	48	60	53,069	-.9	.491	-.067
NSSE 2017 & 2018	38.5	13.1	.03	16	28	40	48	60	179,356	-.4	.745	-.032
Top 50%	40.3	13.1	.05	20	32	40	52	60	78,558	-2.2	.080	-.170
Top 10%	42.0	13.7	.10	20	32	40	52	60	20,449	-3.9	.003	-.286
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
SRSU (N = 100)	39.8	14.3	1.43	12	30	42	50	60				
Southwest Public	40.9	13.2	.12	16	32	42	50	60	12,985	-1.1	.392	-.086
Carnegie Class	41.8	12.6	.06	18	34	43	50	60	45,417	-2.0	.109	-.161
NSSE 2017 & 2018	41.7	12.5	.03	18	34	43	50	60	153,828	-1.9	.127	-.153
Top 50%	43.9	11.6	.05	22	38	46	52	60	99	-4.1	.005	-.355
Top 10%	45.9	12.1	.10	22	40	48	56	60	100	-6.1	.000	-.504
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
SRSU (N = 102)	32.9	13.5	1.34	10	23	33	40	60				
Southwest Public	36.2	14.0	.12	13	25	38	45	60	13,194	-3.3	.019	-.232
Carnegie Class	36.0	13.7	.06	13	25	38	45	60	45,858	-3.1	.024	-.223
NSSE 2017 & 2018	36.1	13.6	.03	13	28	38	45	60	155,098	-3.2	.018	-.235
Top 50%	37.9	13.2	.05	15	30	40	48	60	83,724	-5.0	.000	-.383
Top 10%	39.7	13.1	.09	18	30	40	50	60	20,179	-6.8	.000	-.517

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>												
SRSU (N = 158)	39.1	14.0	1.11	10	30	40	50	60				
Southwest Public	39.6	14.2	.08	15	30	40	50	60	30,396	-.6	.605	-.041
Carnegie Class	40.3	13.6	.04	20	30	40	50	60	93,392	-1.2	.262	-.089
NSSE 2017 & 2018	39.8	13.7	.03	20	30	40	50	60	296,512	-.8	.473	-.057
Top 50%	41.3	13.5	.04	20	35	40	55	60	139,049	-2.3	.035	-.168
Top 10%	42.5	13.7	.07	20	35	40	55	60	41,877	-3.4	.002	-.249
<b>Reflective &amp; Integrative Learning</b>												
SRSU (N = 167)	36.6	11.6	.90	17	29	37	46	57				
Southwest Public	36.8	12.7	.07	17	29	37	46	60	31,960	-.1	.902	-.010
Carnegie Class	38.1	12.4	.04	17	29	37	46	60	97,063	-1.5	.124	-.119
NSSE 2017 & 2018	37.8	12.4	.02	17	29	37	46	60	308,923	-1.2	.207	-.098
Top 50%	39.6	12.2	.03	20	31	40	49	60	135,672	-2.9	.002	-.241
Top 10%	41.1	12.2	.07	20	33	40	51	60	28,987	-4.5	.000	-.369
<b>Learning Strategies</b>												
SRSU (N = 156)	41.4	13.6	1.09	20	33	40	53	60				
Southwest Public	38.7	14.7	.09	13	27	40	53	60	28,460	2.7	.024	.181
Carnegie Class	39.0	14.5	.05	13	27	40	53	60	86,675	2.4	.036	.168
NSSE 2017 & 2018	38.3	14.5	.03	13	27	40	47	60	274,707	3.1	.007	.215
Top 50%	40.2	14.4	.04	20	33	40	53	60	146,926	1.2	.284	.086
Top 10%	42.3	14.2	.07	20	33	40	53	60	39,789	-.9	.414	-.065
<b>Quantitative Reasoning</b>												
SRSU (N = 158)	26.8	16.3	1.30	0	20	27	40	53				
Southwest Public	29.0	16.2	.09	0	20	27	40	60	29,615	-2.2	.093	-.134
Carnegie Class	29.4	16.1	.05	0	20	27	40	60	91,844	-2.5	.049	-.157
NSSE 2017 & 2018	29.6	16.1	.03	0	20	27	40	60	291,022	-2.8	.030	-.173
Top 50%	30.7	16.0	.04	0	20	33	40	60	190,121	-3.9	.003	-.241
Top 10%	32.7	15.7	.08	7	20	33	40	60	41,605	-5.8	.000	-.371
<b>Learning with Peers</b>												
<b>Collaborative Learning</b>												
SRSU (N = 168)	28.6	14.9	1.15	5	20	25	40	60				
Southwest Public	31.2	15.9	.09	5	20	30	40	60	33,148	-2.6	.037	-.162
Carnegie Class	31.2	15.5	.05	5	20	30	40	60	99,211	-2.6	.034	-.164
NSSE 2017 & 2018	32.5	15.0	.03	5	20	30	45	60	317,829	-3.8	.001	-.256
Top 50%	35.7	13.9	.03	15	25	35	45	60	178,317	-7.0	.000	-.508
Top 10%	38.1	13.5	.08	15	30	40	50	60	29,821	-9.4	.000	-.700
<b>Discussions with Diverse Others</b>												
SRSU (N = 156)	33.9	19.5	1.56	0	20	35	50	60				
Southwest Public	40.7	16.9	.10	10	30	40	60	60	157	-6.9	.000	-.405
Carnegie Class	40.0	16.2	.05	10	30	40	55	60	156	-6.1	.000	-.377
NSSE 2017 & 2018	40.3	15.8	.03	15	30	40	55	60	155	-6.4	.000	-.406
Top 50%	41.9	15.6	.04	15	30	40	60	60	156	-8.1	.000	-.517
Top 10%	43.8	15.5	.07	20	35	45	60	60	156	-9.9	.000	-.641

#### 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>												
SRSU (N = 166)	22.6	16.7	1.30	0	10	20	35	55				
Southwest Public	21.9	16.2	.09	0	10	20	35	55	31,035	.7	.592	.042
Carnegie Class	24.0	16.0	.05	0	10	20	35	55	94,779	-1.5	.239	-.092
NSSE 2017 & 2018	23.9	15.9	.03	0	10	20	35	55	301,264	-1.4	.272	-.085
Top 50%	29.2	15.8	.06	5	20	30	40	60	76,897	-6.6	.000	-.420
Top 10%	33.3	16.1	.16	10	20	35	45	60	9,911	-10.7	.000	-.664
<b>Effective Teaching Practices</b>												
SRSU (N = 162)	41.0	14.6	1.15	20	28	40	56	60				
Southwest Public	38.7	14.3	.08	16	28	40	48	60	30,396	2.2	.046	.157
Carnegie Class	40.1	13.8	.05	16	32	40	52	60	162	.8	.476	.059
NSSE 2017 & 2018	39.4	13.7	.03	16	32	40	48	60	161	1.6	.165	.117
Top 50%	41.1	13.6	.04	16	32	40	52	60	162	-.2	.872	-.014
Top 10%	43.1	13.7	.09	20	36	44	56	60	24,795	-2.1	.048	-.156
<b>Campus Environment</b>												
<b>Quality of Interactions</b>												
SRSU (N = 150)	41.0	15.6	1.27	12	30	42	55	60				
Southwest Public	41.9	12.9	.08	18	34	44	52	60	150	-1.0	.447	-.075
Carnegie Class	42.9	12.4	.04	20	36	44	52	60	150	-1.9	.138	-.153
NSSE 2017 & 2018	42.0	12.3	.02	20	34	44	50	60	149	-1.0	.425	-.083
Top 50%	44.4	11.9	.04	22	38	46	54	60	149	-3.5	.008	-.289
Top 10%	46.5	12.3	.08	22	40	50	58	60	150	-5.6	.000	-.452
<b>Supportive Environment</b>												
SRSU (N = 154)	29.3	15.5	1.25	5	18	30	40	58				
Southwest Public	31.6	14.6	.09	8	20	33	40	60	27,553	-2.4	.045	-.162
Carnegie Class	32.0	14.2	.05	9	23	33	40	58	153	-2.7	.031	-.190
NSSE 2017 & 2018	32.0	14.1	.03	10	23	33	40	58	153	-2.7	.030	-.194
Top 50%	34.3	13.7	.04	13	25	35	43	60	153	-5.0	.000	-.363
Top 10%	36.4	13.7	.09	13	28	38	45	60	154	-7.1	.000	-.515

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.