

National Survey of Student Engagement Methodology

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) is a major nationwide benchmarking study conducted annually by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research. NSSE is co-sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Its purpose is to assess the extent to which students engage in educationally effective activities. NSSE's guiding premise is that student participation in these activities at reasonable levels is a meaningful proxy for collegiate quality.

NSSE is administered by Indiana University to an equal number of first-year and senior students at each participating institution. The standard sample size is determined by Indiana University based upon the number of undergraduates enrolled at each respective institution. The University of Delaware opted for a "web-plus administration" where students received all contacts electronically and completed the online survey. After multiple e-mail contacts, non-respondents were mailed paper copies of the survey for completion.