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## Nationwide Survey on Student Engagement is Coming to Valencia This Spring



In 2015, 64.5 percent of Valencia students who participated in the [Community College Survey of Student Engagement](#) (CCSSE) indicated that transferring to a four-year college was a primary goal as compared to 49.5 percent at other colleges. These results help the College document change over time as they relate to the goals of the [Five-Year Impact Plan](#).

In addition, 32.7 percent of Valencia students, compared to 24.8 percent of students at other colleges, noted that they have collaborated with classmates outside of class to prepare assignments, so they are more often experiencing one of the nationally-recognized [10 High Impact Practices](#) (HIPs).

Since 2002, we have typically participated in CCSSE, which is a national student survey focused on teaching, learning and retention in community colleges, every two years, and we will participate again this spring.

Research shows that the more actively engaged students are with college faculty and staff, with other students and with the subject matter being taught, the more likely they are to persist in their college studies and to achieve at higher levels. By analyzing the survey data, Valencia can better understand our students' engagement, compared to nationwide cohorts of colleges with similar enrollments, so we can enhance student learning, development and retention.

Participation also allows the College to identify what our students do in and out of the classroom, learn their goals and understand their external responsibilities, as well as to document successes from the [New Student Experience](#). Additionally, we have the opportunity to participate in a cohort of Hispanic-serving institutions to learn more about the perceptions of these students.

The survey will be administered in classes randomly selected to ensure a representative sample. Faculty members who have classes selected will be contacted in early spring by the Institutional Assessment team.

To view key findings from the 2015 survey, [click here](#). Or, for more details on the survey, [visit the Valencia CCSSE web page](#).