

Why was NSSE's participation agreement changed?

NSSE has improved the participation agreement to more thoroughly explain the nature of the arrangement being entered into between NSSE and Participating Institutions, as well as to further clarify each party's responsibilities.

What are the major changes to the agreement?

The revised agreement clarifies...

- The purpose of NSSE and what institutions can expect when they participate (see Sections I(a) to I(c)).
- NSSE's data storage procedures (see Sections II(b) and IV(d)).
- NSSE's willingness to cooperate with institutions from Canada or other countries that have unique data privacy laws (see Section IV(f)).
- The timeline for paying fees (not previously stated in the participation agreement) (see Section V(b)).
- IU's obligations under Indiana's Access to Public Records law (see Section VI). IU will notify and consult with any institution whose data is requested prior to any disclosure pursuant to an open records request. Indiana's public records law contains exceptions that protect information concerning research, as well as data protected by federal laws such as FERPA (the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act).
- Terms relating to assignment, unforeseeable events, limitations on liability, and scope of the agreement (see Sections VII through X).