NSSE and The Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA)

NSSE has been selected as one of four assessment instruments focused on students’ experiences and perceptions for the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA). Developed as a partnership between the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), the VSA is designed to help institutions demonstrate accountability, measure educational practices and outcomes, and assemble information that is accessible, understandable, and comparable.

NSSE-related Resources to Link to the College Portrait

Of the nearly 300 institutions that have registered to participate in VSA, approximately 95% have NSSE data. In addition to using NSSE results to populate the “Student Experiences and Perceptions” section of the College Portrait, NSSE reports and related resources can be added via several links in the College Portrait to provide supplementary information about how your institution evaluates the experiences of its students.

The NSSE Pocket Guide Report: What Students Are Saying About Their NSSEville State Experience

The NSSE Pocket Guide Report is an attractive and easy format that institutions can use to share their NSSE results. The report provides a quick snapshot of the level of student engagement on campus.

The NSSE Benchmark Report is a concise summary of some key findings from your institution’s performance on NSSE.
More NSSE-related Resources for the College Portrait...

**NSSE Executive Snapshot**

Dear Colleagues:

This is one of many snapshots from your institution’s performance on the 2008 National Survey of Student Engagement. We hope you can use this information to stimulate discussion on your campus about how to improve the undergraduate experience at NSSE:ville State University.

Executive Director: Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research

Are All Students at NSSE:ville State University Equally Engaged?

Quality of U.S. higher education is often considered an institutional attribute, so if one college offers a uniformly better or worse education than another, yes, a rough feeling from district is needed on colleges and universities’ education and graduation rates. NSSE:ville has recently introduced an institution’s “student engagement” score to the public.

The Executive Snapshot compares the performance of your institution with your selected comparison groups.

**USA TODAY Initiative**

All baccalaureate-granting colleges and universities in the US that administered NSSE in 2006-2008 were invited to authorize the release of their benchmark scores to USA TODAY. More than 300 institutions agreed to participate.

Learn More about NSSE and VSA!

View at your convenience a recording of the Webinar, “The Transparency-Accountability Puzzle: Where Does NSSE Fit?” presented in November 2008 by NSSE Director, Dr. Alexander C. McCormick. Also, please check the NSSE Web site for the developing 2009 Webinar schedule and to view the archive of all previously recorded Webinars, www.nsse.iub.edu/webinars.

Detailed information on NSSE and VSA is also available on the NSSE Web site, www.nsse.iub.edu/html/vsa.cfm.