NSSE Shorts
Experiences With Writing Item Set

For these questions, a *writing assignment* is broadly defined to include not only written papers but also lab reports, multimedia projects, blogs, online discussions, posters, PowerPoint presentations, and so on.

1. **While preparing your *writing assignments* during the current school year, about how often have you done the following?**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1
   a. Discussed your ideas with a classmate, friend, or family member before starting your assignment [WRIprepideasS]
   b. Received feedback from a classmate, friend, or family member on your plans, organization, or content [WRIprepfdbckS]
   c. Received feedback from a writing center or tutoring service on your plans, organization, or content [WRIprepcenterS]
   d. Provided feedback to a classmate about their plans, organization, or content in their written assignment [WRIprepgiveS]
   e. Received feedback from your instructor about your plans, organization, or content before turning in your assignment [WRIprepinstS]
   f. Revised your plans, organization, or content based on feedback from others [WRIprepothrevS]
   g. Revised your plans, organization, or content based on your own review [WRIprepownrevS]

2. **In your *writing assignments* during the current school year, about how often have you been asked to do the following?**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1
   a. Analyze or evaluate something you read, researched, or observed [WRIoftanalyzeS]
   b. Argue a position using evidence and reasoning [WRIoftargueS]
   c. Write in the style and format specific to a field (psychology, history, biology, nursing, etc.) [WRIoftfieldS]
   d. Address a real or imagined reader other than your instructor (politician, employer, customer, etc.) [WRIoftaudienceS]
   e. Describe methods or findings related to data you collected from interviews, focus groups, surveys, lab work, field work, etc. [WRIoftmethodsS]
   f. Explain in writing the meaning of numerical or statistical data [WRIoftdataS]

3. **For your *writing assignments* during the current school year, about how often have *your instructors* done the following?**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1
   a. Provided clear instructions describing the expectations for the assignment [WRIinstclearS]
   b. Explained in advance what they wanted you to learn from the assignment [WRIinstlearnS]
   c. Explained in advance the criteria they would use to grade your assignment [WRIinstcritS]
   d. Supplied an example of a completed assignment, either from the instructor or a previous student [WRIinstexS]

4. **During your time at this institution, have you taken or are you enrolled in a course that introduces college-level writing? [WRIcourseintroS]**
   Response options: Yes=1, No=0, Unsure=8, Not applicable (tested out, took it as an AP course, etc.)=9

5. **During your time at this institution, have you taken or are you currently enrolled in a course focused on writing *in the style and format of your major or intended major?* [WRIcoursemajS]**
   Response options: Yes=1, No=0, Unsure=8, Not applicable (course not offered, etc.)=9

6. **A writing portfolio is an organized collection of your work, including a written reflection on your growth as a writer. While attending this institution, have you created a writing portfolio, or do you plan to create one before you graduate? [WRIportfolioS]**
   Response options: Done or in progress=4, Plan to do=3, Do not plan to do=2, Have not decided=1

7. **Some artificial intelligence (AI) tools such as ChatGPT, Google Bard, and Microsoft Copilot can generate brand-new text, lists, images, and other content based on your requests. While preparing your writing assignments during the current school year, about how often have you used a generative AI tool? [WRIaiuseS]**
   Response options: Very often=4, Often=3, Sometimes=2, Never=1

8. **During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors clearly explained how generative AI tools could assist you in achieving the learning goals of your writing assignments? [WRIaiassistS]**
   Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1, Not at all=0

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9. **During the current school year, to what extent have your instructors clearly explained what would be considered *unacceptable* uses of generative AI tools for your writing assignments? [WRIaiunacceptS]**
   Response options: Very much=4, Quite a bit=3, Some=2, Very little=1, Not at all=0

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