

ADDITIONAL ITEM SET

Culture of Caring

What is a **CCSSE** additional item set?

The **CCSSE** instrument contains space for an additional 20 items. The first five of those are always developed by CCCSE and administered to all colleges as part of the core survey administration. Colleges have the option of using the remaining 15 for a custom item set (see [Additional Items Catalog](#)) or choosing from our collection of [standard additional item sets](#) for an additional fee:

- » Academic Advising and Planning
- » Academic Mindset
- » Assessment and Placement
- » Information Literacy
- » Student Financial Health
- » The Working Learner

We frequently offer a specific additional item set free of charge, as part of an initiative exploring a topic of interest to the community college field. This free additional item set is provided to all colleges administering **CCSSE** that do not add items of their own choosing. The results from these items are provided as frequency distributions with colleges' standard **CCSSE** reports.

CCSSE 2024 items

Colleges that participate in **CCSSE 2024** will receive a 15-item set about culture of caring (shown below). This item set explores students' perceptions of the social and emotional support they receive from their college community.

Mark only one response for each item

1. It intimidates me to ask my instructors for help with coursework.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

2. Asking for help with my classes makes me feel weak.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

3. I can succeed academically at this college.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

4. My instructors have high expectations of me.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

5. I feel invisible to faculty and staff.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

6. My instructors care about my success.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

7. College staff (other than my instructors) care about me.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

8. I belong at this college.
 - a. Strongly disagree
 - b. Disagree
 - c. Agree
 - d. Strongly agree

9. In the last 30 days, did your college ever help you get food when you could not afford to purchase it?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No, and I needed this kind of help
 - c. No, but I did not need this kind of help

10. In the last 12 months, did your college ever help you maintain secure and affordable housing (rent, utility bills, etc.)?
- Yes
 - No, and I needed this kind of help
 - No, but I did not need this kind of help
11. In the last 12 months, did your college ever provide you with support to help you get to campus?
- Yes
 - No, and I needed this kind of help
 - No, but I did not need this kind of help
12. This college supports me as a parent or caregiver.
- Strongly disagree
 - Disagree
 - Agree
 - Strongly agree
 - I am not a parent or caregiver
13. Students' mental health and emotional well-being is a priority at this college.
- Strongly disagree
 - Disagree
 - Agree
 - Strongly agree
14. If you needed to seek professional help for your mental or emotional health while attending this college, you would know where to go.
- Strongly disagree
 - Disagree
 - Agree
 - Strongly agree
15. If you needed help with your mental health and emotional well-being, what would be the greatest barrier that would keep you from seeking that help?
- Lack of resources (money, time, transportation)
 - I worry about what others will think of me
 - I do not know where to seek help
 - I do not know what kind of help I need
 - Other