

Community College Survey of Student Engagement  
 2009 Benchmark Summary Table - All Students  
**Western Nebraska Community College**

| All Students                      |              |                             |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Benchmark                         | Your College | Comparison Group Statistics |                |                   |
|                                   |              |                             | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 47.7         | Benchmark Score             | 51.2           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -3.5           | -2.3              |
| Student Effort                    | 48.5         | Benchmark Score             | 51.1           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -2.6           | -1.5              |
| Academic Challenge                | 47.6         | Benchmark Score             | 50.3           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -2.7           | -2.4              |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 50.0         | Benchmark Score             | 51.6           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -1.6           | -0.0              |
| Support for Learners              | 51.0         | Benchmark Score             | 51.5           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.4           | 1.0               |
|                                   |              | Number of Colleges          | 331            | 663               |

**Benchmark Score:** Each benchmark score was computed by averaging the scores on survey items that comprise that benchmark. To compensate for disproportionately large numbers of full-time students in the sample, all means used in the creation of the benchmarks are weighted by full- and part-time status. Benchmark scores are standardized so that the weighted mean across all students is 50 and the standard deviation across all participating students is 25. Institutions' benchmark scores are computed by taking the weighted average of their students' standardized scores.

**Score Difference:** The result of subtracting the comparison group score (same size colleges or 2009 CCSSE Cohort) from your college's score on each benchmark.

**2009 CCSSE Cohort Benchmark Deciles**  
**All Students**  
**Western Nebraska Community College**

These tables present the range of institutional scores by decile for the five benchmarks of effective educational practice for all participating students. Deciles are percentile scores that divide the frequency of benchmark scores into ten equal groups. Deciles are listed for the entire 2009 CCSSE Cohort and for each appropriate breakdown according to college size and college urbanicity. A percentile represents the point at or below which a specified percentage of the college benchmark scores fall. For example, the 60th percentile represents the point at or below which 60 percent of the college benchmark scores fall for the respective comparison group. To help you gauge your college's performance relative to the comparison groups, the shaded areas on the national, size, or urbanicity tables indicate the deciles that are less than or equal to your benchmark score.

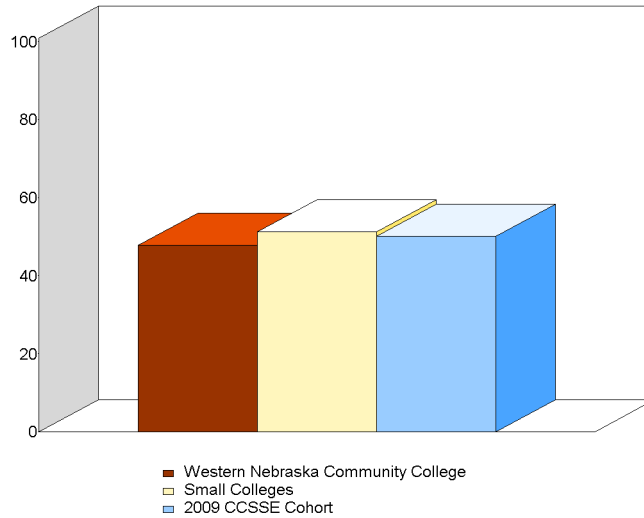
| 2009 CCSSE Cohort                 | All Students |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   | 0%           | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 39.5         | 45.6 | 47.1 | 48.2 | 49.2 | 50.0 | 50.8 | 52.0 | 53.4 | 55.4 | 83.2 |
| Student Effort                    | 34.7         | 45.9 | 47.3 | 48.2 | 49.2 | 50.1 | 50.8 | 52.0 | 53.2 | 55.0 | 72.2 |
| Academic Challenge                | 34.0         | 46.0 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 49.0 | 49.8 | 50.5 | 51.4 | 52.7 | 54.5 | 66.7 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 40.7         | 45.8 | 47.5 | 48.3 | 49.2 | 50.2 | 51.0 | 52.1 | 53.3 | 55.5 | 71.0 |
| Support for Learners              | 37.2         | 45.2 | 46.9 | 48.2 | 49.2 | 50.1 | 51.1 | 52.3 | 53.7 | 56.4 | 71.8 |

| Small Colleges                    | All Students |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   | 0%           | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 39.5         | 45.8 | 47.7 | 49.0 | 50.0 | 50.8 | 51.9 | 53.0 | 54.3 | 56.7 | 73.5 |
| Student Effort                    | 34.7         | 46.3 | 47.8 | 49.0 | 50.0 | 50.8 | 51.8 | 53.0 | 54.0 | 55.8 | 68.1 |
| Academic Challenge                | 34.0         | 45.5 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 49.2 | 49.9 | 50.9 | 52.0 | 53.5 | 55.6 | 66.7 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 40.7         | 46.7 | 48.1 | 49.2 | 50.4 | 51.0 | 52.0 | 53.5 | 55.1 | 57.5 | 63.0 |
| Support for Learners              | 37.2         | 45.6 | 47.6 | 49.0 | 50.1 | 51.0 | 52.3 | 53.6 | 55.6 | 58.3 | 70.0 |

| Rural Colleges                    | All Students |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   | 0%           | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 39.5         | 45.7 | 47.6 | 48.7 | 49.5 | 50.3 | 51.2 | 52.3 | 53.6 | 55.6 | 73.5 |
| Student Effort                    | 34.7         | 46.0 | 47.6 | 48.6 | 49.7 | 50.5 | 51.1 | 52.2 | 53.3 | 54.9 | 68.1 |
| Academic Challenge                | 34.0         | 45.5 | 47.1 | 48.0 | 49.0 | 49.7 | 50.5 | 51.5 | 52.8 | 54.4 | 66.1 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 40.7         | 46.8 | 48.1 | 49.0 | 50.0 | 50.9 | 51.9 | 52.8 | 54.4 | 56.8 | 62.8 |
| Support for Learners              | 37.3         | 45.4 | 47.3 | 48.6 | 49.4 | 50.4 | 51.3 | 52.7 | 54.3 | 56.8 | 70.0 |

## Active and Collaborative Learning Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - All Students

Description - Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education and have opportunities to think about and apply what they are learning in different settings. Through collaborating with others to solve problems or master challenging content, students develop valuable skills that prepare them to deal with the kinds of situations and problems they will encounter in the workplace, the community, and their personal lives.



### Benchmark Scores

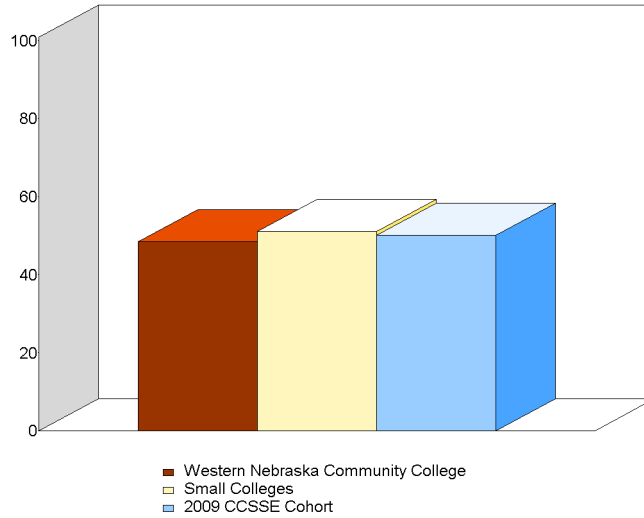
|                     | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>All Students</b> | 47.7                               | 51.2           | 50.0              |

| Active and Collaborative Learning   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions  | 2.95              | 2.96                      |                   | 2.91                   |                   |
| 4b. Made a class presentation   | 1.81              | 2.05                      | ▼                 | 2.05                   | ▼                 |
| 4f. Worked with other students on projects during class   | 2.44              | 2.48                      |                   | 2.47                   |                   |
| 4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments  | 1.81              | 1.91                      |                   | 1.87                   |                   |
| 4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)  | 1.39              | 1.38                      |                   | 1.37                   |                   |
| 4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course   | 1.32              | 1.32                      |                   | 1.31                   |                   |
| 4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.53              | 2.57                      |                   | 2.56                   |                   |

[NOTE: Directional arrows in charts highlight those items where your college falls notably above or below the mean of your comparison group. The items listed are significant at  $p < .001$  with an effect size greater than or equal to .2.]

## Student Effort Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - All Students

Description - Students' own behaviors contribute significantly to their learning and the likelihood that they will successfully attain their educational goals.



### Benchmark Scores

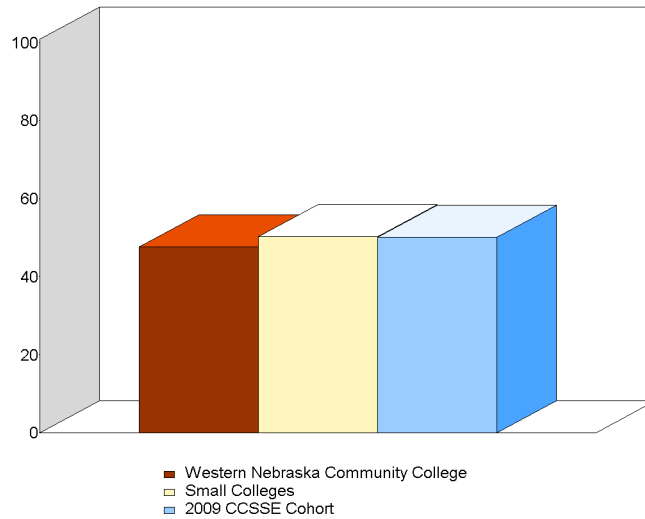
|                     | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>All Students</b> | 48.5                               | 51.1           | 50.0              |

| Student Effort   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | 2.28              | 2.47                      |                   | 2.47                   |                   |
| 4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources                           | 2.56              | 2.72                      |                   | 2.72                   |                   |
| 4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments   | 1.86              | 1.82                      |                   | 1.86                   |                   |
| 6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment                              | 2.13              | 2.07                      |                   | 2.09                   |                   |
| 10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) | 1.90              | 1.96                      |                   | 1.92                   |                   |
| 13d1. Frequency: Peer or other tutoring  | 1.59              | 1.46                      |                   | 1.46                   |                   |
| 13e1. Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)  | 1.82              | 1.74                      |                   | 1.71                   |                   |
| 13h1. Frequency: Computer lab  | 2.08              | 2.15                      |                   | 2.10                   |                   |

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## Academic Challenge Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - All Students

Description - Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Ten survey items address the nature and amount of assigned academic work, the complexity of cognitive tasks presented to students, and the standards faculty members use to evaluate student performance.



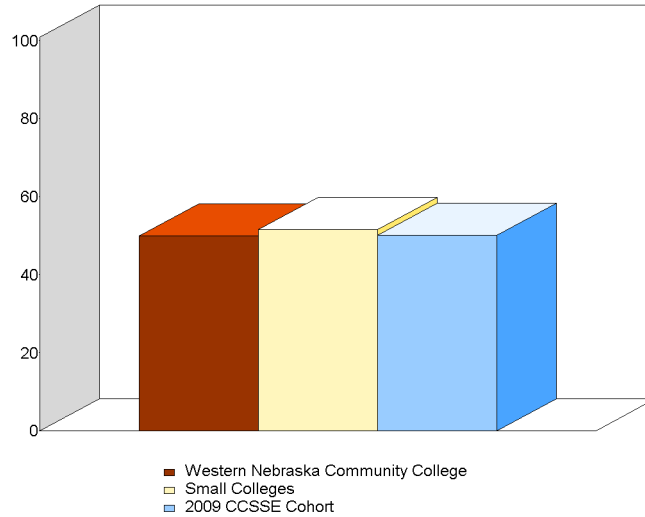
| Benchmark Scores    |                                    |                |                   |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                     | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>All Students</b> | 47.6                               | 50.3           | 50.0              |

| Academic Challenge   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations   | 2.49              | 2.56                      |                   | 2.54                   |                   |
| 5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory   | 2.76              | 2.83                      |                   | 2.85                   |                   |
| 5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways   | 2.61              | 2.71                      |                   | 2.72                   |                   |
| 5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods  | 2.45              | 2.55                      |                   | 2.56                   |                   |
| 5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations   | 2.59              | 2.66                      |                   | 2.66                   |                   |
| 5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill  | 2.73              | 2.79                      |                   | 2.76                   |                   |
| 6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings  | 2.90              | 2.90                      |                   | 2.86                   |                   |
| 6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length  | 2.88              | 2.85                      |                   | 2.83                   |                   |
| 7. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college | 4.96              | 5.05                      |                   | 4.99                   |                   |
| 9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying  | 2.84              | 2.98                      |                   | 2.97                   |                   |

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## Student-Faculty Interaction Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - All Students

Description - In general, the more contact students have with their teachers, the more likely they are to learn effectively and persist toward achievement of their educational goals. Through such interactions, faculty members become role models, mentors, and guides for continuous, lifelong learning.



### Benchmark Scores

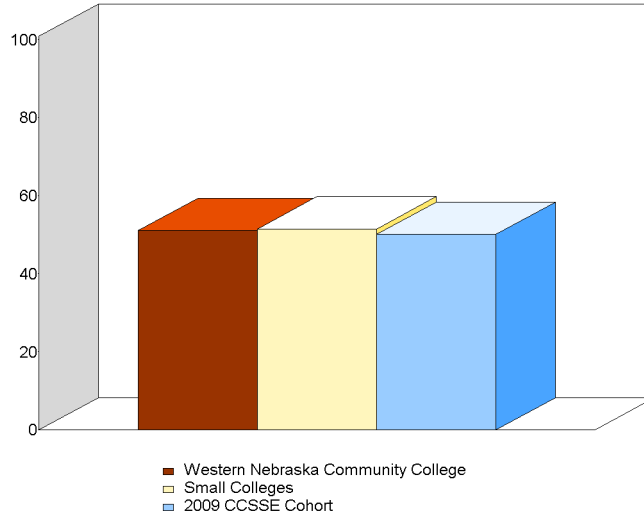
|                     | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>All Students</b> | 50.0                               | 51.6           | 50.0              |

| Student-Faculty Interaction   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4k. Used email to communicate with an instructor                                    | 2.52              | 2.58                      |                  | 2.59                   |                  |
| 4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor                              | 2.55              | 2.57                      |                  | 2.52                   |                  |
| 4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor                         | 2.08              | 2.09                      |                  | 2.03                   |                  |
| 4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class | 1.67              | 1.78                      |                  | 1.74                   |                  |
| 4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance | 2.65              | 2.69                      |                  | 2.66                   |                  |
| 4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework                     | 1.45              | 1.44                      |                  | 1.41                   |                  |

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## Support for Learners Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - All Students

Description - Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.



| Benchmark Scores    |                                    |                |                   |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                     | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>All Students</b> | 51.0                               | 51.5           | 50.0              |

| Support for Learners   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college                                   | 2.93              | 3.00                      |                  | 2.97                   |                  |
| 9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 2.46              | 2.46                      |                  | 2.49                   |                  |
| 9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                        | 2.02              | 1.98                      |                  | 1.94                   |                  |
| 9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially  | 2.16              | 2.17                      |                  | 2.14                   |                  |
| 9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education                                    | 2.57              | 2.51                      |                  | 2.43                   |                  |
| 13a1. Frequency: Academic advising/planning  | 1.78              | 1.80                      |                  | 1.76                   |                  |
| 13b1. Frequency: Career counseling   | 1.40              | 1.43                      |                  | 1.43                   |                  |

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2009 Benchmark Summary Table - Enrollment Status Breakout  
**Western Nebraska Community College**

| Part-Time Students                |              |                             |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Benchmark                         | Your College | Comparison Group Statistics |                |                   |
|                                   |              |                             | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 43.6         | Benchmark Score             | 46.8           | 46.4              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -3.3           | -2.9              |
| Student Effort                    | 43.4         | Benchmark Score             | 47.6           | 47.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -4.2           | -3.7              |
| Academic Challenge                | 42.5         | Benchmark Score             | 46.6           | 46.5              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -4.0           | -3.9              |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 45.4         | Benchmark Score             | 47.6           | 46.8              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -2.2           | -1.4              |
| Support for Learners              | 48.6         | Benchmark Score             | 49.1           | 48.3              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.5           | 0.3               |
|                                   |              | Number of Colleges          | 331            | 663               |

| Full-Time Students                |              |                             |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Benchmark                         | Your College | Comparison Group Statistics |                |                   |
|                                   |              |                             | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 53.5         | Benchmark Score             | 56.7           | 55.8              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -3.1           | -2.3              |
| Student Effort                    | 55.6         | Benchmark Score             | 55.5           | 54.9              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | 0.0            | 0.6               |
| Academic Challenge                | 54.7         | Benchmark Score             | 55.3           | 55.1              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.6           | -0.4              |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 56.3         | Benchmark Score             | 56.8           | 55.7              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.4           | 0.7               |
| Support for Learners              | 54.5         | Benchmark Score             | 54.5           | 53.6              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.0           | 0.9               |
|                                   |              | Number of Colleges          | 331            | 663               |

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**Score Difference:** The result of subtracting the comparison group score (same size colleges or 2009 CCSSE Cohort) from your college's score on each benchmark.



## 2009 CCSSE Cohort Benchmark Deciles

### Enrollment Status Breakout

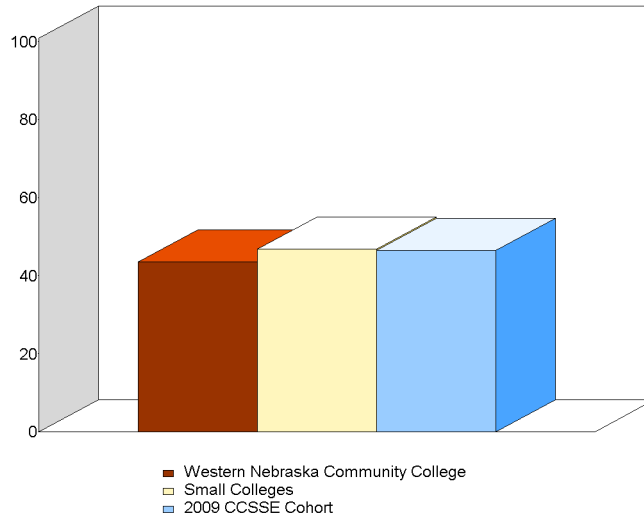
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|                                   |  | Part-Time Students |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b>          |  |                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 33.1               | 41.5 | 43.0 | 44.1 | 45.1 | 46.2 | 47.2 | 48.1 | 49.3 | 51.6 | 81.6 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 25.4               | 42.1 | 43.7 | 44.9 | 45.9 | 46.9 | 47.8 | 48.9 | 50.4 | 52.4 | 70.9 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 26.7               | 41.7 | 43.3 | 44.4 | 45.4 | 46.2 | 47.1 | 48.2 | 49.3 | 51.8 | 78.6 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 28.7               | 42.0 | 43.6 | 44.7 | 45.6 | 46.6 | 47.4 | 48.3 | 49.6 | 51.9 | 68.4 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2               | 42.5 | 44.2 | 45.8 | 46.9 | 48.0 | 48.9 | 50.3 | 51.7 | 54.4 | 71.8 |
|                                   |  | -----              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Small Colleges</b>             |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 33.1               | 41.0 | 43.0 | 44.3 | 45.5 | 46.7 | 47.5 | 48.6 | 50.4 | 53.2 | 74.5 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 25.4               | 41.9 | 43.7 | 45.4 | 46.5 | 47.7 | 48.6 | 50.0 | 51.1 | 53.3 | 68.8 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 26.7               | 40.3 | 42.5 | 44.1 | 45.3 | 46.3 | 47.4 | 48.4 | 50.6 | 53.0 | 78.6 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 28.7               | 42.0 | 43.8 | 45.1 | 46.4 | 47.5 | 48.4 | 49.5 | 51.2 | 54.0 | 63.7 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2               | 42.4 | 44.3 | 46.1 | 47.6 | 48.8 | 50.2 | 51.5 | 53.4 | 56.8 | 68.7 |
|                                   |  | -----              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Rural Colleges</b>             |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 33.1               | 41.0 | 42.9 | 44.0 | 45.0 | 46.3 | 47.1 | 48.1 | 49.3 | 51.8 | 72.5 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 25.4               | 41.9 | 43.6 | 45.1 | 46.0 | 47.1 | 48.0 | 49.0 | 50.5 | 52.4 | 58.4 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 26.7               | 40.9 | 42.6 | 44.1 | 45.1 | 46.0 | 46.9 | 47.8 | 49.0 | 51.5 | 70.0 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 28.7               | 42.4 | 44.1 | 45.0 | 46.1 | 47.2 | 48.0 | 49.2 | 50.5 | 53.1 | 62.2 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2               | 42.5 | 44.3 | 46.0 | 47.2 | 48.2 | 49.4 | 50.8 | 52.3 | 55.3 | 68.7 |
|                                   |  | -----              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   |  | Full-Time Students |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b>          |  |                    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 45.1               | 50.5 | 52.2 | 53.4 | 54.5 | 55.3 | 56.3 | 57.7 | 59.4 | 61.4 | 85.9 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 35.7               | 50.2 | 51.6 | 52.5 | 53.6 | 54.6 | 55.6 | 56.7 | 58.2 | 60.1 | 74.3 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 38.4               | 50.7 | 52.1 | 53.3 | 54.1 | 54.9 | 55.7 | 56.4 | 57.9 | 60.0 | 74.1 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 41.5               | 50.7 | 52.2 | 53.5 | 54.4 | 55.3 | 56.3 | 57.4 | 58.6 | 60.9 | 75.2 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.3               | 48.2 | 49.5 | 51.0 | 52.0 | 53.1 | 54.2 | 55.5 | 57.2 | 60.1 | 73.2 |
|                                   |  | -----              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Small Colleges</b>             |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 46.0               | 51.5 | 53.2 | 54.2 | 55.1 | 56.0 | 57.2 | 58.6 | 60.1 | 62.6 | 74.7 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 35.7               | 50.3 | 51.9 | 52.9 | 54.3 | 55.3 | 56.3 | 57.5 | 59.1 | 61.1 | 70.7 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 38.4               | 50.2 | 52.0 | 53.2 | 54.1 | 55.0 | 55.9 | 57.1 | 58.9 | 60.6 | 74.1 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 41.5               | 51.5 | 53.1 | 54.2 | 55.5 | 56.4 | 57.4 | 58.6 | 60.3 | 62.7 | 73.4 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.3               | 48.5 | 50.0 | 51.3 | 52.8 | 54.2 | 55.4 | 57.0 | 58.9 | 61.0 | 73.2 |
|                                   |  | -----              |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| <b>Rural Colleges</b>             |  | 0%                 | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 45.2               | 50.9 | 52.6 | 53.7 | 54.6 | 55.5 | 56.5 | 57.8 | 59.6 | 61.4 | 74.7 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 35.7               | 50.2 | 51.5 | 52.4 | 53.6 | 54.6 | 55.7 | 56.9 | 58.2 | 60.2 | 70.7 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 38.4               | 50.3 | 51.9 | 53.1 | 54.1 | 54.8 | 55.6 | 56.4 | 58.1 | 60.0 | 69.0 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 41.5               | 51.2 | 52.8 | 54.0 | 55.0 | 55.8 | 57.0 | 58.0 | 59.6 | 62.1 | 70.0 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.3               | 48.2 | 49.6 | 50.9 | 51.7 | 53.3 | 54.5 | 56.0 | 58.0 | 60.7 | 73.2 |

## Active and Collaborative Learning Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Part-Time Students

Description - Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education and have opportunities to think about and apply what they are learning in different settings. Through collaborating with others to solve problems or master challenging content, students develop valuable skills that prepare them to deal with the kinds of situations and problems they will encounter in the workplace, the community, and their personal lives.



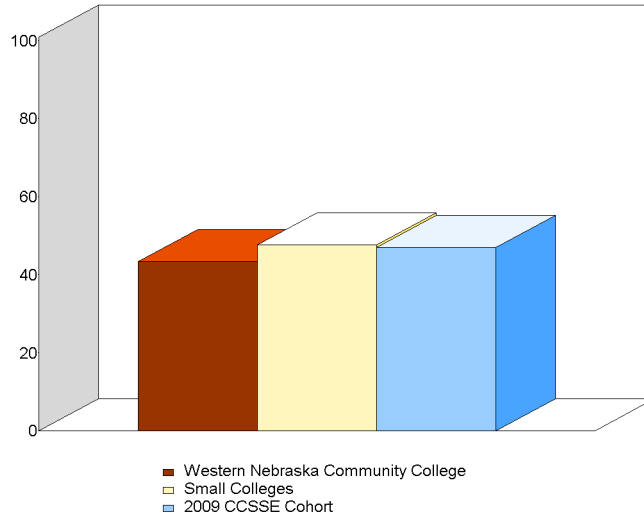
| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Part-Time</b> | 43.6                               | 46.8           | 46.4              |

| Active and Collaborative Learning   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions  | 2.91              | 2.93                      |                  | 2.88                   |                  |
| 4b. Made a class presentation   | 1.63              | 1.90                      |                  | 1.91                   | ▼                |
| 4f. Worked with other students on projects during class   | 2.42              | 2.39                      |                  | 2.39                   |                  |
| 4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments  | 1.66              | 1.76                      |                  | 1.76                   |                  |
| 4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)  | 1.31              | 1.30                      |                  | 1.31                   |                  |
| 4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course   | 1.27              | 1.25                      |                  | 1.25                   |                  |
| 4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.49              | 2.53                      |                  | 2.52                   |                  |

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Description - Students' own behaviors contribute significantly to their learning and the likelihood that they will successfully attain their educational goals.



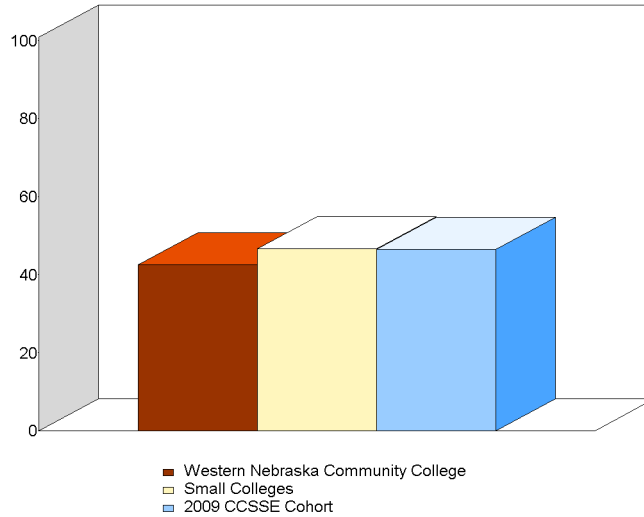
| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Part-Time</b> | 43.4                               | 47.6           | 47.0              |

| Student Effort   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | 2.15              | 2.37                      |                   | 2.36                   |                   |
| 4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources                           | 2.34              | 2.58                      |                   | 2.58                   |                   |
| 4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments   | 1.80              | 1.75                      |                   | 1.80                   |                   |
| 6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment                              | 2.22              | 2.09                      |                   | 2.10                   |                   |
| 10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) | 1.68              | 1.81                      |                   | 1.79                   |                   |
| 13d1. Frequency: Peer or other tutoring  | 1.55              | 1.43                      |                   | 1.43                   |                   |
| 13e1. Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)  | 1.78              | 1.68                      |                   | 1.66                   |                   |
| 13h1. Frequency: Computer lab  | 1.82              | 2.02                      |                   | 1.98                   |                   |

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## Academic Challenge Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Part-Time Students

Description - Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Ten survey items address the nature and amount of assigned academic work, the complexity of cognitive tasks presented to students, and the standards faculty members use to evaluate student performance.



### Benchmark Scores

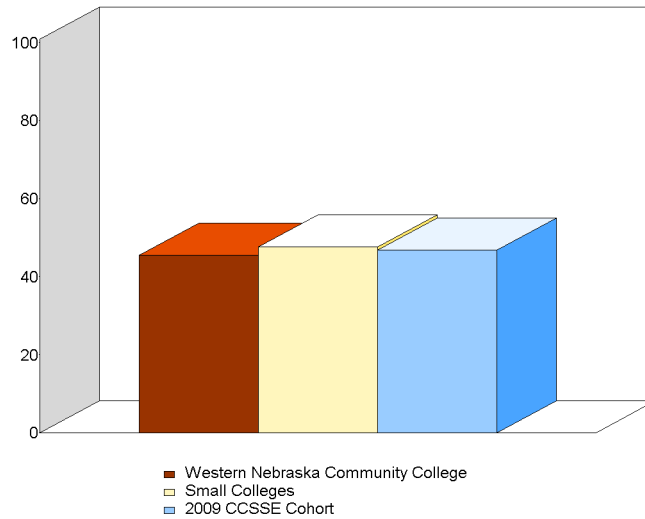
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Part-Time</b> | 42.5                               | 46.6           | 46.5              |

| Academic Challenge   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations   | 2.43              | 2.51                      |                   | 2.49                   |                   |
| 5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory   | 2.68              | 2.79                      |                   | 2.81                   |                   |
| 5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways   | 2.54              | 2.67                      |                   | 2.67                   |                   |
| 5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods  | 2.37              | 2.47                      |                   | 2.48                   |                   |
| 5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations   | 2.51              | 2.59                      |                   | 2.59                   |                   |
| 5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill  | 2.65              | 2.71                      |                   | 2.70                   |                   |
| 6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings  | 2.63              | 2.69                      |                   | 2.68                   |                   |
| 6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length  | 2.59              | 2.60                      |                   | 2.60                   |                   |
| 7. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college | 4.83              | 5.03                      |                   | 4.98                   |                   |
| 9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying  | 2.70              | 2.94                      |                   | 2.92                   |                   |

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## Student-Faculty Interaction Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Part-Time Students

Description - In general, the more contact students have with their teachers, the more likely they are to learn effectively and persist toward achievement of their educational goals. Through such interactions, faculty members become role models, mentors, and guides for continuous, lifelong learning.



### Benchmark Scores

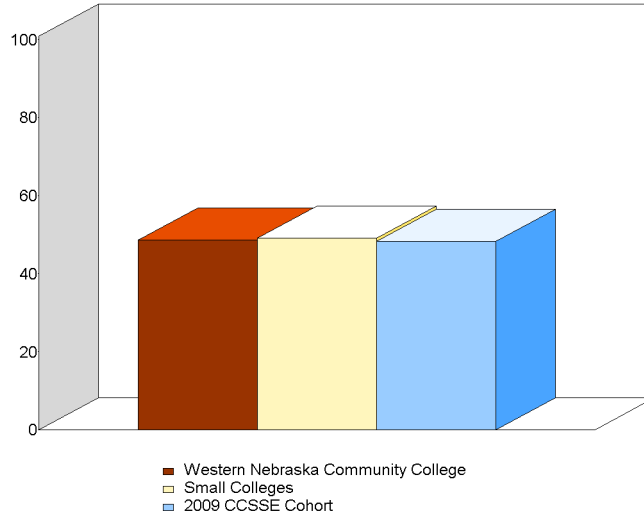
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Part-Time</b> | 45.4                               | 47.6           | 46.8              |

| Student-Faculty Interaction   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4k. Used email to communicate with an instructor                                    | 2.27              | 2.45                      |                  | 2.46                   |                  |
| 4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor                              | 2.48              | 2.48                      |                  | 2.44                   |                  |
| 4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor                         | 1.96              | 1.95                      |                  | 1.91                   |                  |
| 4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class | 1.55              | 1.68                      |                  | 1.65                   |                  |
| 4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance | 2.66              | 2.67                      |                  | 2.64                   |                  |
| 4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework                     | 1.41              | 1.34                      |                  | 1.33                   |                  |

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## Support for Learners Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Part-Time Students

Description - Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.



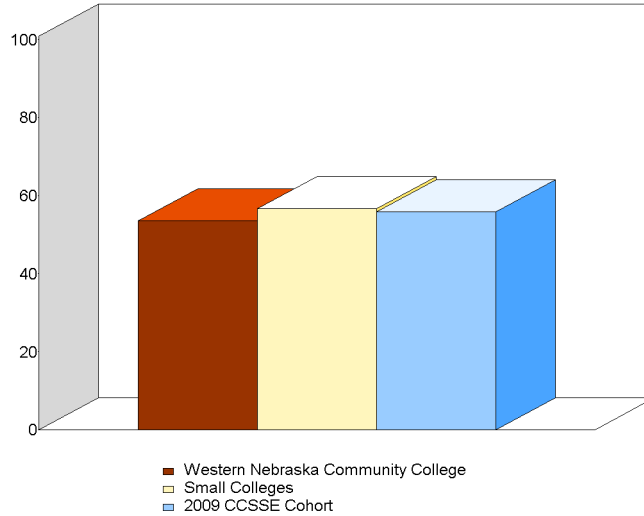
| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Part-Time</b> | 48.6                               | 49.1           | 48.3              |

| Support for Learners   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college                                   | 2.83              | 2.96                      |                   | 2.93                   |                   |
| 9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 2.38              | 2.41                      |                   | 2.45                   |                   |
| 9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                        | 2.00              | 1.92                      |                   | 1.90                   |                   |
| 9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially  | 2.09              | 2.09                      |                   | 2.07                   |                   |
| 9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education                                    | 2.44              | 2.39                      |                   | 2.30                   |                   |
| 13a1. Frequency: Academic advising/planning  | 1.73              | 1.74                      |                   | 1.71                   |                   |
| 13b1. Frequency: Career counseling   | 1.37              | 1.40                      |                   | 1.41                   |                   |

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**Active and Collaborative Learning**  
**Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Full-Time Students**

Description - Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education and have opportunities to think about and apply what they are learning in different settings. Through collaborating with others to solve problems or master challenging content, students develop valuable skills that prepare them to deal with the kinds of situations and problems they will encounter in the workplace, the community, and their personal lives.



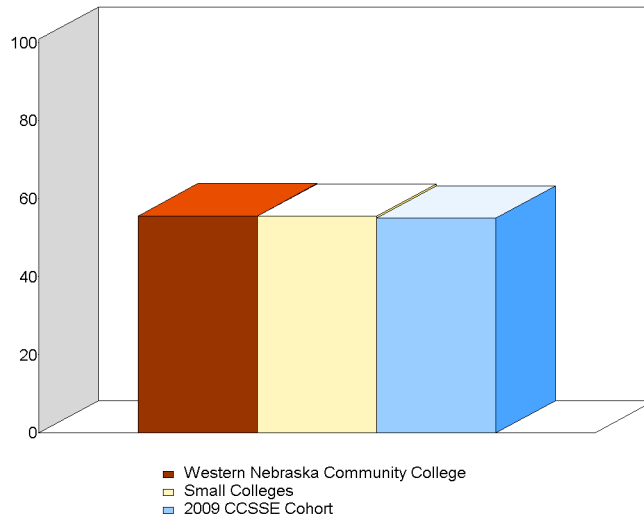
| <b>Benchmark Scores</b> |   |                       |                          |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | <b>Western Nebraska Community College</b> | <b>Small Colleges</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b> |
| <b>Full-Time</b>        | 53.5                                      | 56.7                  | 55.8                     |

| <b>Active and Collaborative Learning</b>  | <b>Your College Mean</b> | <b>Other Small Colleges Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions  | 3.01                     | 3.00                             |                         | 2.96                          |                         |
| 4b. Made a class presentation   | 2.06                     | 2.24                             | ▼                       | 2.25                          | ▼                       |
| 4f. Worked with other students on projects during class   | 2.47                     | 2.59                             |                         | 2.57                          |                         |
| 4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments  | 2.02                     | 2.07                             |                         | 2.03                          |                         |
| 4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)  | 1.50                     | 1.47                             |                         | 1.46                          |                         |
| 4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course   | 1.39                     | 1.41                             |                         | 1.40                          |                         |
| 4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.59                     | 2.63                             |                         | 2.62                          |                         |

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## Student Effort Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Full-Time Students

Description - Students' own behaviors contribute significantly to their learning and the likelihood that they will successfully attain their educational goals.



| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Full-Time</b> | 55.6                               | 55.5           | 54.9              |

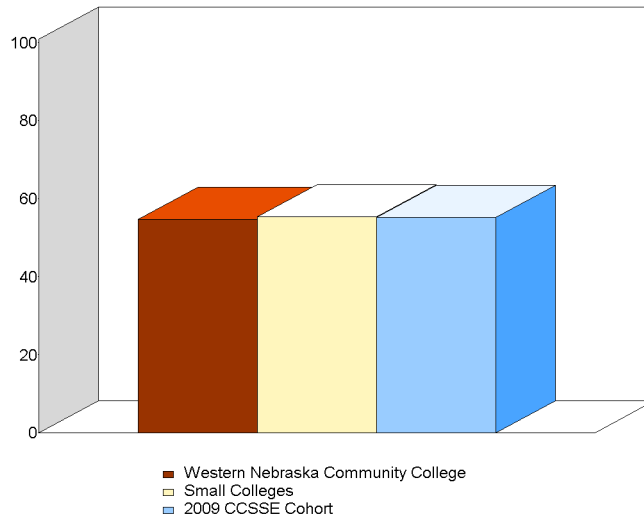
| Student Effort   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | 2.46              | 2.61                      |                   | 2.62                   |                   |
| 4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources                           | 2.86              | 2.90                      |                   | 2.92                   |                   |
| 4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments   | 1.95              | 1.91                      |                   | 1.94                   |                   |
| 6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment                              | 2.00              | 2.06                      |                   | 2.09                   |                   |
| 10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) | 2.20              | 2.14                      |                   | 2.12                   |                   |
| 13d1. Frequency: Peer or other tutoring  | 1.63              | 1.49                      |                   | 1.49                   |                   |
| 13e1. Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)  | 1.85              | 1.81                      |                   | 1.77                   |                   |
| 13h1. Frequency: Computer lab  | 2.37              | 2.28                      |                   | 2.24                   |                   |

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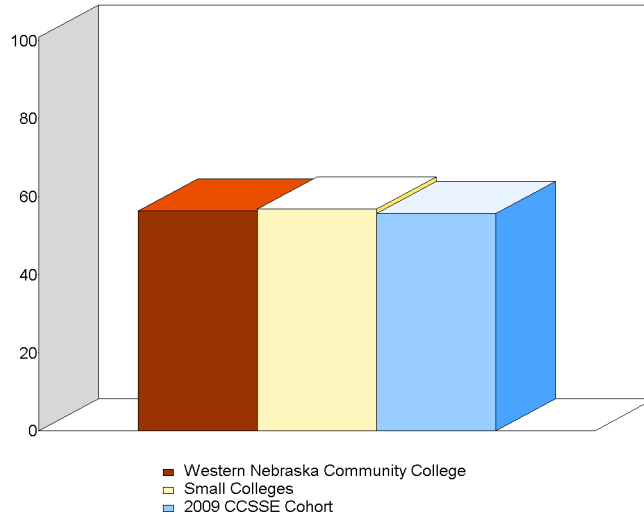
| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Full-Time</b> | 54.7                               | 55.3           | 55.1              |

| Academic Challenge   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations   | 2.59              | 2.64                      | 2.62              |                        |                   |
| 5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory   | 2.88              | 2.89                      | 2.91              |                        |                   |
| 5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways   | 2.71              | 2.78                      | 2.79              |                        |                   |
| 5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods  | 2.57              | 2.65                      | 2.66              |                        |                   |
| 5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations   | 2.69              | 2.76                      | 2.75              |                        |                   |
| 5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill  | 2.84              | 2.88                      | 2.85              |                        |                   |
| 6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings  | 3.28              | 3.14                      | 3.11              |                        |                   |
| 6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length  | 3.26              | 3.14                      | 3.16              |                        |                   |
| 7. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college | 5.15              | 5.08                      | 5.02              |                        |                   |
| 9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying  | 3.03              | 3.05                      | 3.03              |                        |                   |

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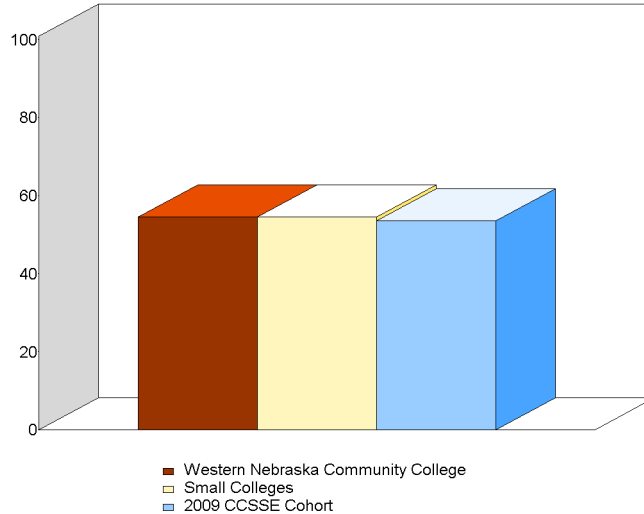
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>Full-Time</b> | 56.3                               | 56.8           | 55.7              |

| Student-Faculty Interaction   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4k. Used email to communicate with an instructor                                    | 2.88              | 2.75                      |                  | 2.78                   |                  |
| 4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor                              | 2.65              | 2.68                      |                  | 2.64                   |                  |
| 4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor                         | 2.26              | 2.25                      |                  | 2.18                   |                  |
| 4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class | 1.85              | 1.88                      |                  | 1.84                   |                  |
| 4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance | 2.64              | 2.71                      |                  | 2.69                   |                  |
| 4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework                     | 1.50              | 1.55                      |                  | 1.50                   |                  |

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## Support for Learners Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - Full-Time Students

Description - Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.



| Benchmark Scores |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                  | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>Full-Time</b> | 54.5                               | 54.5           | 53.6              |

| Support for Learners   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college                                   | 3.06              | 3.05                      |                  | 3.02                   |                  |
| 9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 2.58              | 2.53                      |                  | 2.57                   |                  |
| 9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                        | 2.05              | 2.04                      |                  | 2.00                   |                  |
| 9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially  | 2.25              | 2.26                      |                  | 2.23                   |                  |
| 9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education                                    | 2.74              | 2.66                      |                  | 2.59                   |                  |
| 13a1. Frequency: Academic advising/planning  | 1.84              | 1.86                      |                  | 1.82                   |                  |
| 13b1. Frequency: Career counseling   | 1.44              | 1.46                      |                  | 1.46                   |                  |

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Community College Survey of Student Engagement  
 2009 Benchmark Summary Table - Credit Hour Status Breakout  
**Western Nebraska Community College**

| 0 to 29 Credits                   |              |                             |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Benchmark                         | Your College | Comparison Group Statistics |                |                   |
|                                   |              |                             | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 46.0         | Benchmark Score             | 48.4           | 47.7              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -2.4           | -1.7              |
| Student Effort                    | 48.2         | Benchmark Score             | 50.0           | 49.2              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -1.8           | -1.1              |
| Academic Challenge                | 47.0         | Benchmark Score             | 48.1           | 48.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -1.1           | -1.0              |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 48.4         | Benchmark Score             | 49.1           | 48.2              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.7           | 0.3               |
| Support for Learners              | 50.3         | Benchmark Score             | 51.0           | 50.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.7           | 0.4               |
|                                   |              | Number of Colleges          | 331            | 663               |

| 30+ Credits                       |              |                             |                |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Benchmark                         | Your College | Comparison Group Statistics |                |                   |
|                                   |              |                             | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| Active and Collaborative Learning | 52.0         | Benchmark Score             | 57.1           | 56.0              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -5.1           | -4.0              |
| Student Effort                    | 49.9         | Benchmark Score             | 53.3           | 52.5              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -3.4           | -2.6              |
| Academic Challenge                | 49.0         | Benchmark Score             | 55.1           | 54.4              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -6.2           | -5.5              |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       | 54.4         | Benchmark Score             | 57.2           | 55.6              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -2.8           | -1.2              |
| Support for Learners              | 52.4         | Benchmark Score             | 52.6           | 51.6              |
|                                   |              | Score Difference            | -0.2           | 0.7               |
|                                   |              | Number of Colleges          | 331            | 663               |

**Benchmark Score:** Each benchmark score was computed by averaging the scores on survey items that comprise that benchmark. To compensate for disproportionately large numbers of full-time students in the sample, all means used in the creation of the benchmarks are weighted by full- and part-time status. Benchmark scores are standardized so that the weighted mean across all students is 50 and the standard deviation across all participating students is 25. Institutions' benchmark scores are computed by taking the weighted average of their students' standardized scores.

**Score Difference:** The result of subtracting the comparison group score (same size colleges or 2009 CCSSE Cohort) from your college's score on each benchmark.

## 2009 CCSSE Cohort Benchmark Deciles

### Credit Hour Status Breakout

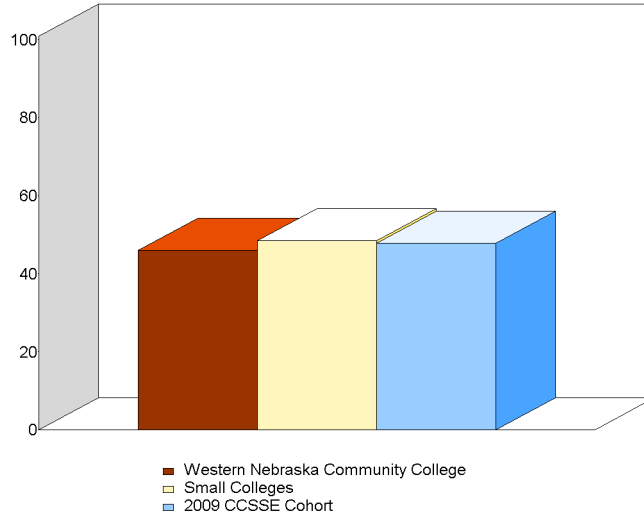
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These tables present the range of institutional scores by decile for the five benchmarks of effective educational practice for all participating students. Deciles are percentile scores that divide the frequency of benchmark scores into ten equal groups. Deciles are listed for the entire 2009 CCSSE Cohort and for each appropriate breakdown according to college size and college urbanicity. A percentile represents the point at or below which a specified percentage of the college benchmark scores fall. For example, the 60th percentile represents the point at or below which 60 percent of the college benchmark scores fall for the respective comparison group. To help you gauge your college's performance relative to the comparison groups, the shaded areas on the national, size or urbanicity tables indicate the deciles that are less than or equal to your benchmark score.

|                                   |  | 0 to 29 Credits |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                   |  | 0%              | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b>          |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 35.8            | 43.0 | 44.4 | 45.3 | 46.3 | 47.2 | 48.3 | 49.3 | 50.7 | 52.8 | 83.1 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 37.3            | 44.6 | 45.9 | 47.0 | 48.0 | 48.8 | 49.9 | 51.1 | 52.3 | 54.5 | 71.5 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 32.2            | 43.8 | 45.2 | 46.1 | 46.9 | 47.6 | 48.7 | 49.6 | 50.6 | 52.4 | 65.4 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 37.4            | 43.4 | 44.9 | 46.1 | 46.9 | 47.9 | 48.7 | 49.9 | 51.2 | 53.3 | 69.7 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2            | 44.6 | 46.3 | 47.5 | 48.6 | 49.6 | 50.5 | 51.7 | 53.4 | 56.2 | 71.3 |
| <b>Small Colleges</b>             |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 35.8            | 43.1 | 44.8 | 45.8 | 46.8 | 48.1 | 49.3 | 50.2 | 51.8 | 54.0 | 71.6 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 37.9            | 44.9 | 46.5 | 47.8 | 48.8 | 49.6 | 51.0 | 51.9 | 53.3 | 55.5 | 66.2 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 32.2            | 43.2 | 44.8 | 46.1 | 46.8 | 47.7 | 48.8 | 49.7 | 51.7 | 53.7 | 65.4 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 37.4            | 43.6 | 45.5 | 46.5 | 47.9 | 48.7 | 49.9 | 51.2 | 52.6 | 55.2 | 61.8 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2            | 44.6 | 46.8 | 48.5 | 49.5 | 50.5 | 51.7 | 53.2 | 55.3 | 58.0 | 66.9 |
| <b>Rural Colleges</b>             |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 35.8            | 42.7 | 44.4 | 45.4 | 46.6 | 47.3 | 48.6 | 49.6 | 50.8 | 53.1 | 71.6 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 37.9            | 44.8 | 46.1 | 47.4 | 48.4 | 49.2 | 50.3 | 51.3 | 52.4 | 54.5 | 65.8 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 32.2            | 43.1 | 44.8 | 45.9 | 46.6 | 47.3 | 48.3 | 49.5 | 50.6 | 52.1 | 64.5 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 37.4            | 43.9 | 45.4 | 46.3 | 47.4 | 48.4 | 49.4 | 50.6 | 51.8 | 54.3 | 61.8 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 36.2            | 44.6 | 46.4 | 47.9 | 49.0 | 50.2 | 51.0 | 52.3 | 54.2 | 56.6 | 66.9 |
|                                   |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   |  | 30+ Credits     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                   |  | 0%              | 10%  | 20%  | 30%  | 40%  | 50%  | 60%  | 70%  | 80%  | 90%  | 100% |
| <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b>          |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 43.7            | 50.2 | 51.8 | 53.3 | 54.5 | 55.5 | 56.8 | 58.0 | 59.6 | 62.1 | 82.7 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 27.9            | 47.2 | 48.9 | 50.1 | 51.2 | 52.1 | 53.1 | 54.3 | 55.9 | 58.4 | 74.0 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 33.0            | 49.4 | 50.7 | 52.2 | 53.2 | 54.2 | 55.3 | 56.4 | 57.5 | 60.3 | 75.0 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 40.4            | 50.2 | 52.0 | 53.2 | 54.2 | 55.3 | 56.3 | 57.4 | 58.9 | 61.5 | 74.8 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 30.2            | 45.4 | 47.3 | 48.5 | 49.8 | 51.2 | 52.3 | 53.8 | 55.8 | 58.3 | 76.9 |
| <b>Small Colleges</b>             |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 44.7            | 50.7 | 52.6 | 54.2 | 55.2 | 56.8 | 57.9 | 59.4 | 61.3 | 63.9 | 76.9 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 27.9            | 47.3 | 49.5 | 50.9 | 52.1 | 52.8 | 54.1 | 55.4 | 57.0 | 59.7 | 71.9 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 33.0            | 48.3 | 50.7 | 52.4 | 54.2 | 55.1 | 56.2 | 57.2 | 59.4 | 61.5 | 75.0 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 40.4            | 52.2 | 53.6 | 54.6 | 55.8 | 56.6 | 57.9 | 59.1 | 60.9 | 64.1 | 74.2 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 30.2            | 45.4 | 47.8 | 48.8 | 50.7 | 52.0 | 53.4 | 55.8 | 57.7 | 61.0 | 75.0 |
| <b>Rural Colleges</b>             |  |                 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Active and Collaborative Learning |  | 44.3            | 50.3 | 52.1 | 53.6 | 54.8 | 55.9 | 57.2 | 58.3 | 59.8 | 62.9 | 76.9 |
| Student Effort                    |  | 27.9            | 47.3 | 49.3 | 50.3 | 51.5 | 52.4 | 53.3 | 54.7 | 56.0 | 58.4 | 71.9 |
| Academic Challenge                |  | 33.0            | 48.7 | 50.7 | 52.2 | 53.3 | 54.6 | 55.5 | 56.6 | 57.7 | 60.3 | 69.5 |
| Student-Faculty Interaction       |  | 40.4            | 51.6 | 53.1 | 54.1 | 55.2 | 56.1 | 57.2 | 58.4 | 60.0 | 62.3 | 74.2 |
| Support for Learners              |  | 33.6            | 45.4 | 47.4 | 48.8 | 50.2 | 51.3 | 52.6 | 54.3 | 56.1 | 58.7 | 75.0 |

**Active and Collaborative Learning**  
**Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - 0 to 29 Credits Students**

Description - Students learn more when they are actively involved in their education and have opportunities to think about and apply what they are learning in different settings. Through collaborating with others to solve problems or master challenging content, students develop valuable skills that prepare them to deal with the kinds of situations and problems they will encounter in the workplace, the community, and their personal lives.



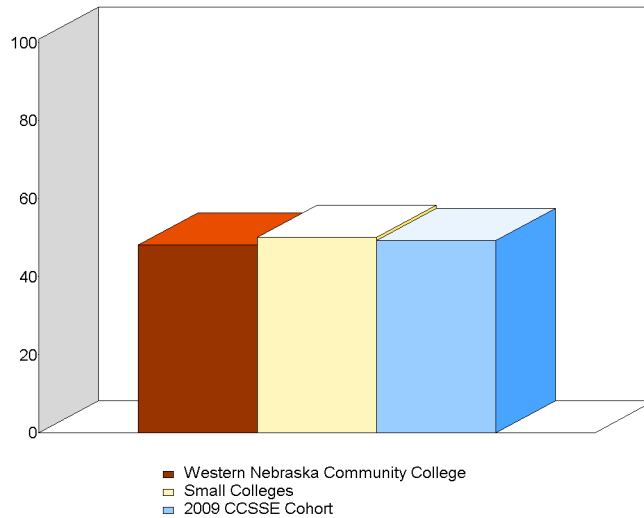
| Benchmark Scores       |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                        | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>0 to 29 Credits</b> | 46.0                               | 48.4           | 47.7              |

| Active and Collaborative Learning   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions  | 2.92              | 2.92                      |                  | 2.88                   |                  |
| 4b. Made a class presentation   | 1.76              | 1.96                      | ▼                | 1.96                   | ▼                |
| 4f. Worked with other students on projects during class   | 2.46              | 2.44                      |                  | 2.43                   |                  |
| 4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments  | 1.73              | 1.83                      |                  | 1.80                   |                  |
| 4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)  | 1.37              | 1.33                      |                  | 1.33                   |                  |
| 4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course   | 1.29              | 1.27                      |                  | 1.27                   |                  |
| 4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.50              | 2.54                      |                  | 2.53                   |                  |

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**Student Effort**  
**Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - 0 to 29 Credits Students**

Description - Students' own behaviors contribute significantly to their learning and the likelihood that they will successfully attain their educational goals.



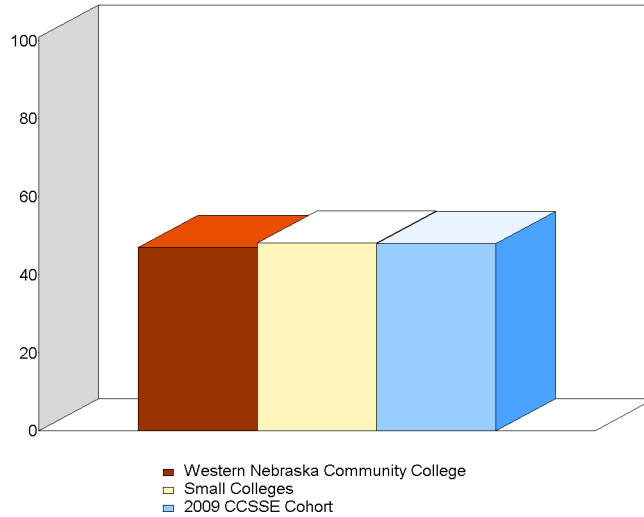
| Benchmark Scores       |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                        | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>0 to 29 Credits</b> | 48.2                               | 50.0           | 49.2              |

| Student Effort   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | 2.31              | 2.47                      |                   | 2.47                   |                   |
| 4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources                           | 2.52              | 2.65                      |                   | 2.66                   |                   |
| 4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments   | 1.84              | 1.80                      |                   | 1.84                   |                   |
| 6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment                              | 2.09              | 2.05                      |                   | 2.08                   |                   |
| 10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) | 1.87              | 1.88                      |                   | 1.85                   |                   |
| 13d1. Frequency: Peer or other tutoring  | 1.57              | 1.45                      |                   | 1.44                   |                   |
| 13e1. Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)  | 1.83              | 1.76                      |                   | 1.71                   |                   |
| 13h1. Frequency: Computer lab  | 2.05              | 2.11                      |                   | 2.06                   |                   |

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**Academic Challenge**  
**Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - 0 to 29 Credits Students**

Description - Challenging intellectual and creative work is central to student learning and collegiate quality. Ten survey items address the nature and amount of assigned academic work, the complexity of cognitive tasks presented to students, and the standards faculty members use to evaluate student performance.



| Benchmark Scores       |                                    |                |                   |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                        | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>0 to 29 Credits</b> | 47.0                               | 48.1           | 48.0              |

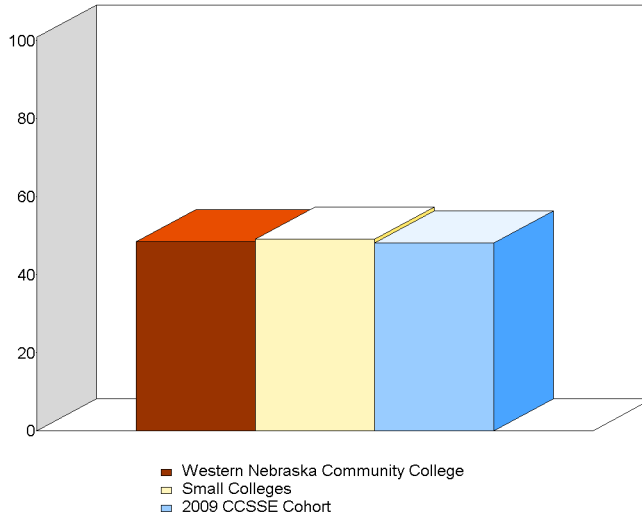
| Academic Challenge   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations   | 2.46              | 2.53                      | 2.51              | 2.51                   |                   |
| 5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory   | 2.74              | 2.77                      | 2.80              | 2.80                   |                   |
| 5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways   | 2.56              | 2.66                      | 2.68              | 2.68                   |                   |
| 5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods  | 2.43              | 2.49                      | 2.51              | 2.51                   |                   |
| 5e. Applying theories or concepts to practical problems or in new situations   | 2.55              | 2.59                      | 2.60              | 2.60                   |                   |
| 5f. Using information you have read or heard to perform a new skill  | 2.73              | 2.73                      | 2.71              | 2.71                   |                   |
| 6a. Number of assigned textbooks, manuals, books, or book-length packs of course readings  | 2.89              | 2.84                      | 2.81              | 2.81                   |                   |
| 6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length  | 2.95              | 2.81                      | 2.80              | 2.80                   |                   |
| 7. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college | 4.94              | 4.97                      | 4.92              | 4.92                   |                   |
| 9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying  | 2.82              | 2.94                      | 2.92              | 2.92                   |                   |

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**Student-Faculty Interaction  
Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - 0 to 29 Credits Students**

Description - In general, the more contact students have with their teachers, the more likely they are to learn effectively and persist toward achievement of their educational goals. Through such interactions, faculty members become role models, mentors, and guides for continuous, lifelong learning.



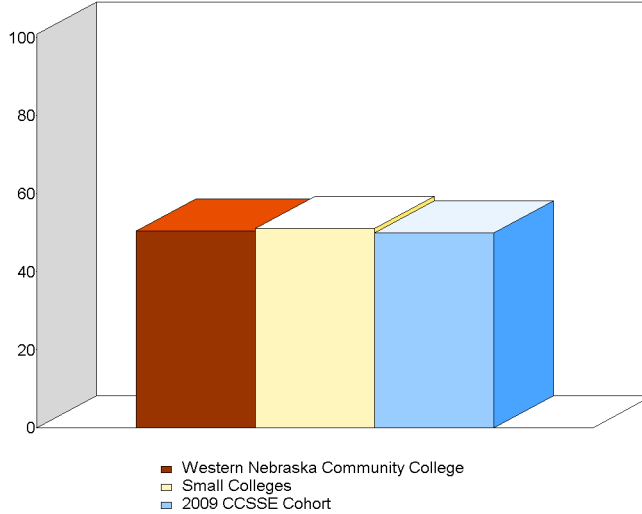
| <b>Benchmark Scores</b> |   |                       |                          |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | <b>Western Nebraska Community College</b> | <b>Small Colleges</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b> |
| <b>0 to 29 Credits</b>  | 48.4                                      | 49.1                  | 48.2                     |

| <b>Student-Faculty Interaction</b>  | <b>Your College Mean</b> | <b>Other Small Colleges Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 4k. Used email to communicate with an instructor                                    | 2.48                     | 2.50                             |                         | 2.52                          |                         |
| 4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor                              | 2.52                     | 2.52                             |                         | 2.48                          |                         |
| 4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor                         | 2.05                     | 2.02                             |                         | 1.97                          |                         |
| 4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class | 1.65                     | 1.71                             |                         | 1.68                          |                         |
| 4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance | 2.62                     | 2.66                             |                         | 2.64                          |                         |
| 4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework                     | 1.40                     | 1.39                             |                         | 1.37                          |                         |

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**Support for Learners  
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Description - Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.



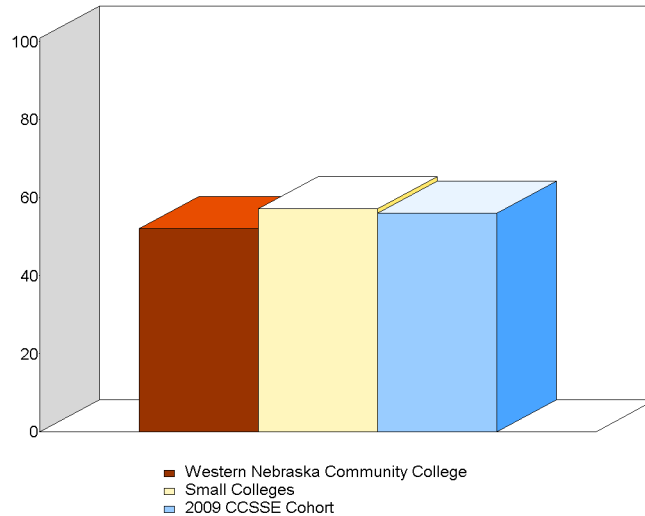
| <b>Benchmark Scores</b> |   |                       |                          |
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|                         | <b>Western Nebraska Community College</b> | <b>Small Colleges</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort</b> |
| <b>0 to 29 Credits</b>  | 50.3                                      | 51.0                  | 50.0                     |

| <b>Support for Learners</b>  | <b>Your College Mean</b> | <b>Other Small Colleges Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> | <b>2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean</b> | <b>Above/Below Mean</b> |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college                                   | 2.93                     | 2.99                             |                         | 2.96                          |                         |
| 9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 2.42                     | 2.45                             |                         | 2.47                          |                         |
| 9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                        | 2.00                     | 1.97                             |                         | 1.94                          |                         |
| 9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially  | 2.14                     | 2.17                             |                         | 2.14                          |                         |
| 9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education                                    | 2.55                     | 2.51                             |                         | 2.42                          |                         |
| 13a1. Frequency: Academic advising/planning  | 1.78                     | 1.77                             |                         | 1.73                          |                         |
| 13b1. Frequency: Career counseling   | 1.40                     | 1.42                             |                         | 1.42                          |                         |

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## Active and Collaborative Learning Bar Charts and Benchmark Item Composition - 30+ Credits Students

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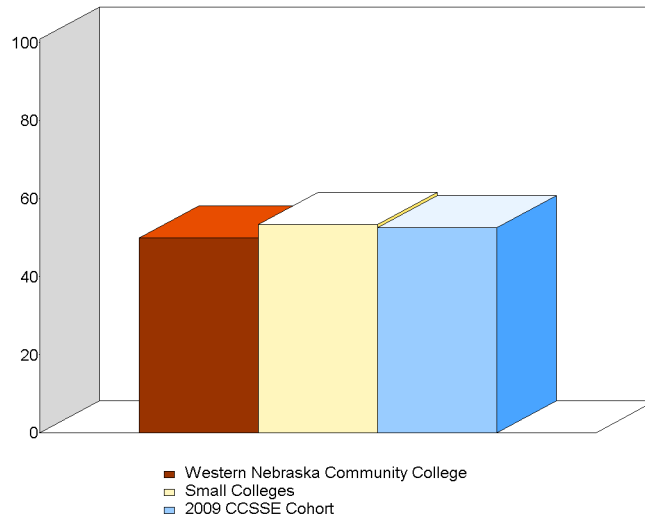
| Benchmark Scores   |                                    |                |                   |
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|                    | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>30+ Credits</b> | 52.0                               | 57.1           | 56.0              |

| Active and Collaborative Learning   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4a. Asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions  | 3.05              | 3.05                      |                   | 2.99                   |                   |
| 4b. Made a class presentation   | 1.94              | 2.24                      | ▼                 | 2.22                   | ▼                 |
| 4f. Worked with other students on projects during class   | 2.42              | 2.57                      |                   | 2.55                   |                   |
| 4g. Worked with classmates outside of class to prepare class assignments  | 2.00              | 2.07                      |                   | 2.04                   |                   |
| 4h. Tutored or taught other students (paid or voluntary)  | 1.43              | 1.48                      |                   | 1.46                   |                   |
| 4i. Participated in a community-based project as a part of a regular course   | 1.37              | 1.43                      |                   | 1.40                   |                   |
| 4r. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with others outside of class (students, family members, co-workers, etc.) | 2.60              | 2.65                      |                   | 2.64                   |                   |

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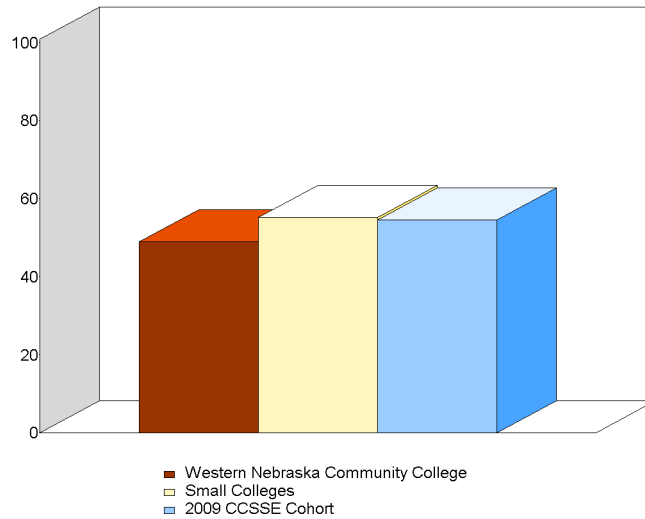
| Benchmark Scores   |                                    |                |                   |
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|                    | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>30+ Credits</b> | 49.9                               | 53.3           | 52.5              |

| Student Effort   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4c. Prepared two or more drafts of a paper or assignment before turning it in  | 2.24              | 2.48                      |                   | 2.46                   |                   |
| 4d. Worked on a paper or project that required integrating ideas or information from various sources                           | 2.68              | 2.86                      |                   | 2.84                   |                   |
| 4e. Came to class without completing readings or assignments   | 1.92              | 1.87                      |                   | 1.89                   |                   |
| 6b. Number of books read on your own (not assigned) for personal enjoyment or academic enrichment                              | 2.20              | 2.11                      |                   | 2.13                   |                   |
| 10a. Preparing for class (studying, reading, writing, rehearsing, doing homework, or other activities related to your program) | 1.99              | 2.13                      |                   | 2.07                   |                   |
| 13d1. Frequency: Peer or other tutoring  | 1.62              | 1.48                      |                   | 1.49                   |                   |
| 13e1. Frequency: Skill labs (writing, math, etc.)  | 1.79              | 1.71                      |                   | 1.70                   |                   |
| 13h1. Frequency: Computer lab  | 2.14              | 2.22                      |                   | 2.18                   |                   |

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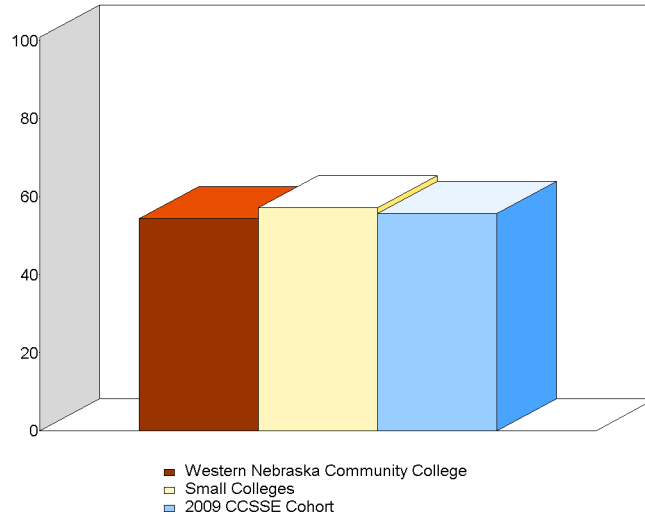
| Benchmark Scores   |                                    |                |                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                    | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>30+ Credits</b> | 49.0                               | 55.1           | 54.4              |

| Academic Challenge   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 4p. Worked harder than you thought you could to meet an instructor's standards or expectations   | 2.56              | 2.63                      |                   | 2.61                   |                   |
| 5b. Analyzing the basic elements of an idea, experience, or theory   | 2.82              | 2.94                      |                   | 2.96                   |                   |
| 5c. Synthesizing and organizing ideas, information, or experiences in new ways   | 2.72              | 2.81                      |                   | 2.81                   |                   |
| 5d. Making judgments about the value or soundness of information, arguments, or methods  | 2.49              | 2.67                      |                   | 2.66                   |                   |
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| 6c. Number of written papers or reports of any length  | 2.76              | 2.93                      |                   | 2.89                   |                   |
| 7. Mark the box that best represents the extent to which your examinations during the current school year have challenged you to do your best work at this college | 5.02              | 5.21                      |                   | 5.16                   |                   |
| 9a. Encouraging you to spend significant amounts of time studying  | 2.88              | 3.08                      |                   | 3.05                   |                   |

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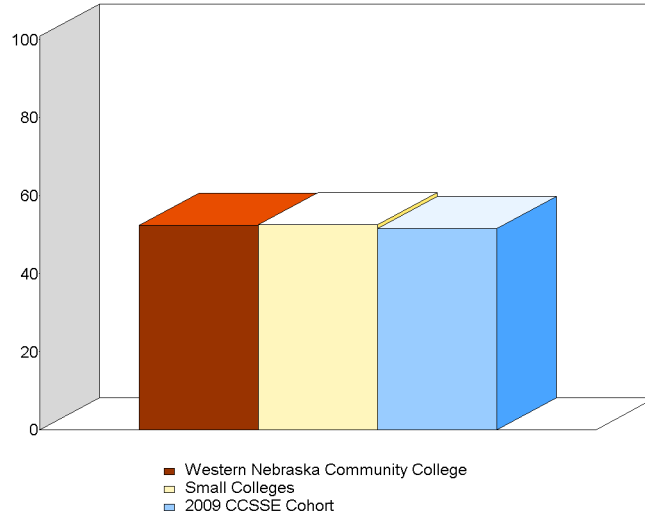
|                    | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| <b>30+ Credits</b> | 54.4                               | 57.2           | 55.6              |

| Student-Faculty Interaction   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/Below Mean |
|---|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 4k. Used email to communicate with an instructor                                    | 2.67              | 2.78                      | Above            | 2.77                   | Above            |
| 4l. Discussed grades or assignments with an instructor                              | 2.66              | 2.68                      | Above            | 2.63                   | Below            |
| 4m. Talked about career plans with an instructor or advisor                         | 2.18              | 2.24                      | Above            | 2.16                   | Above            |
| 4n. Discussed ideas from your readings or classes with instructors outside of class | 1.74              | 1.90                      | Above            | 1.85                   | Above            |
| 4o. Received prompt feedback (written or oral) from instructors on your performance | 2.73              | 2.75                      | Above            | 2.72                   | Above            |
| 4q. Worked with instructors on activities other than coursework                     | 1.56              | 1.54                      | Above            | 1.48                   | Above            |

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Description - Students perform better and are more satisfied at colleges that are committed to their success and cultivate positive working and social relationships among different groups on campus.



| Benchmark Scores   |                                    |                |                   |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|                    | Western Nebraska Community College | Small Colleges | 2009 CCSSE Cohort |
| <b>30+ Credits</b> | 52.4                               | 52.6           | 51.6              |

| Support for Learners   | Your College Mean | Other Small Colleges Mean | Above/ Below Mean | 2009 CCSSE Cohort Mean | Above/ Below Mean |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 9b. Providing the support you need to help you succeed at this college                                   | 2.95              | 3.03                      |                   | 3.00                   |                   |
| 9c. Encouraging contact among students from different economic, social, and racial or ethnic backgrounds | 2.56              | 2.50                      |                   | 2.53                   |                   |
| 9d. Helping you cope with your non-academic responsibilities (work, family, etc.)                        | 2.07              | 1.98                      |                   | 1.95                   |                   |
| 9e. Providing the support you need to thrive socially  | 2.17              | 2.18                      |                   | 2.14                   |                   |
| 9f. Providing the financial support you need to afford your education                                    | 2.63              | 2.52                      |                   | 2.43                   |                   |
| 13a1. Frequency: Academic advising/planning  | 1.79              | 1.86                      |                   | 1.82                   |                   |
| 13b1. Frequency: Career counseling   | 1.41              | 1.45                      |                   | 1.45                   |                   |

[NOTE: Directional arrows in charts highlight those items where your college falls notably above or below the mean of your comparison group. The items listed are significant at  $p < .001$  with an effect size greater than or equal to .2.]