



To: Faculty, Staff and Administrators

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Subject: *2005 Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)*

This spring, Austin Community College has an opportunity to participate in a national survey focusing on teaching, learning, and retention in technical and community colleges. The project is housed within The Community College Leadership Program at The University of Texas at Austin.

Research shows that students who read and write more, and who interact in positive ways with their teachers and peers, gain more in terms of essential skills and competencies. Identifying what our students do in and out of the classroom, knowing their goals, and understanding their external responsibilities can help us create an environment that can enhance student learning, development, and retention.

During March and April, the survey will be administered in classes randomly selected by CCSSE to ensure a representative sample and to preserve the integrity of the survey results. Instructors whose classes are selected for survey administration will receive specific information from their respective deans.

Austin Community College is intent on being a leader in education, and this survey can assist us in identifying where we are and what further action may be helpful in our continuing work to support and strengthen teaching and learning. Your cooperation and participation in this exciting national survey are sure to enhance our educational programs and services to students.

You may learn more about CCSSE from the project website at www.ccsse.org. If you have any questions about the CCSSE project, please contact the CCSSE office at 512-471-6807 or info@ccsse.org.