

Additional Item Set: The Working Learner



What is a CCSSE additional item set?

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

- » Academic Advising and Planning
- » Academic Mindset
- » Assessment and Placement
- » Information Literacy
- » Student Financial Health
- » Race and Ethnicity

Frequently, the Center offers a specific additional item set free of charge, as part of an initiative exploring a topic of interest to the community college field. These free additional item sets are provided to all colleges administering CCSSE that did not add items of their own choosing. Students are asked to mark their responses under "Additional Items" at the end of the [survey](#). The results from these items are provided as frequency distributions with colleges' standard CCSSE reports.

2020's The Working Learner item set

Colleges participating in CCSSE 2020 that did not add items of their own choosing will receive 15 items about The Working Learner (shown below). These items ask students about their experiences working for pay while being enrolled in college.

A corresponding set of items on The Working Learner is being offered with SENSE 2019. The Center will feature national findings on this topic in a 2021 report.

Mark only one response for each item

1. Are you receiving a Pell Grant at this college during the current academic term?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. Currently, which is most important to you?
 - a. Being a student
 - b. Being an employee
 - c. Being a student and being an employee are both equally important

3. Do you currently work for pay more than 40 hours per week?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not currently working for pay

4. Have you worked for pay each academic term you have been enrolled at this college?
 - a. Yes, I have worked for pay every academic term
 - b. No, I have worked for pay some academic terms but not all
 - c. No, I have not worked for pay while I have been enrolled at this college

5. How many jobs for pay do you currently have?
 - a. None
 - b. One
 - c. Two
 - d. Three
 - e. Four or more

6. Do you currently work for pay on campus and/or off campus?
 - a. On campus
 - b. Off campus
 - c. Both on campus and off campus
 - d. I am not currently working for pay

7. Does working for pay determine whether you are enrolled full-time or part-time at this college?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not currently working for pay

8. Are you currently working for pay in the same field as your program, major, or pathway of study?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not currently working for pay
 - d. I do not currently have a program, major, or pathway of study
 - e. I am not currently working for pay and I do not have a program, major or pathway of study

9. Does working for pay make it difficult for you to take the courses you need for your program, major, or pathway of study at this college?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not currently working for pay
 - d. I do not currently have a program, major, or pathway of study
 - e. I am not currently working for pay and I do not have a program, major, or pathway of study

10. When thinking about your work schedule this academic term, how difficult was it to schedule your classes at this college?
 - a. Very difficult
 - b. Somewhat difficult
 - c. Not at all difficult
 - d. I am not currently working for pay

11. Does your work schedule allow you to use this college's services (such as tutoring, academic advising, computer lab, etc.) when you need them?
 - a. All of the time
 - b. Most of the time
 - c. Some of the time
 - d. None of the time
 - e. I am not currently working for pay

12. During this academic term at this college, how many times have you missed class because of work?
 - a. None
 - b. One time
 - c. Two times
 - d. Three or more times
 - e. I am not currently working for pay

13. At this college, who are you most likely to go to for help catching up when you miss class because of work?
 - a. Instructors
 - b. Classmates
 - c. Tutors
 - d. No one
 - e. I am not currently working for pay

14. Do your instructors at this college know how many hours you work per week?
 - a. All of them know
 - b. Some of them know
 - c. None of them know
 - d. I am not currently working for pay

15. At this college, has a staff member helped you decide how to balance the number of classes you take and the number of hours you work for pay?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. I am not currently working for pay