

# DUAL ENROLLMENT SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## Student FAQs

**1. What is *DESSE*?**

*DESSE* is the Dual Enrollment Survey of Student Engagement. The survey is an initiative of the CCCSE, which is part of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy at the University of Texas at Austin.

**2. Why are you surveying me?**

College presidents and other administrators make the decision for their colleges to participate in *DESSE*. All high school students concurrently enrolled in credit courses at your college are being asked to participate.

**3. What if I have already participated?**

If you have already completed the survey, you should not take it again.

**4. Will my college see my responses?**

The college will receive a data file containing all the information provided by student survey respondents. However, there is no intention to examine individual responses. The survey requires an access code to enable the college to link its data to other institutional research initiatives.

**5. How will the survey results be used?**

Results may be shared with faculty, staff, administrators, and student leaders to inform future planning and improvement initiatives. The information may also be used in reports to external authorities such as community college boards, accrediting agencies, and the general public.

**6. Are you surveying students from other colleges?**

Yes, colleges from all over the country participate in this survey. Other participating colleges are listed at <https://cccse.org/desse/participating-colleges>

**7. When will the survey results be released?**

The results will be released in August following the spring survey administration.

**8. What if I feel uncomfortable answering a specific item?**

Please feel free to skip any item you are not comfortable answering.

**9. Do I have to participate?**

No. Participation in the survey is entirely voluntary. Whether you participate or not will not influence your reputation or standing with the college.

**10. How will participating benefit me?**

Participating will not benefit you directly, but your response and those of your fellow students will be used to inform future initiatives at the college with the goal of improving the student experience.

