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## CCSSE Student Survey Planning for 2017

# Student Surveys Update: March 6

Planning at MJC has been underway for two nationally-organized student surveys that are being conducted with our students during Spring semester 2017. These surveys are the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and the new Survey of Online Student Engagement (SOSE).

Based at the University of Texas at Austin Program in Higher Education Leadership, the CCSSE has been conducted at MJC since 2006, while the SOSE is a new survey of online students which will undergo a pilot test at MJC and other two-year colleges nationwide in 2017. Several hundred colleges across the U.S. will be participating in the 2017 CCSSE and the SOSE. **As of March 1st the CCSSE has been underway on campus.**

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2017 CCSSE AT MJC

*As of March 6th, approximately 80% of our courses recommended for survey by CCSSE have already agreed to participate in this survey. We are hoping to schedule more in the next several days. In accordance with CCSSE specifications for course participation and appropriate sample size, our goal is to survey approximately 1500 MJC students in day and evening courses on both East campus and West campus.*

### FAQ Guide:

**(1) When is the CCSSE being conducted on campus?** The month of March is the designated month for conducting the survey. We anticipate that approximately 95% of participating courses will be surveyed by the end of March.

**(2) How long does it take?** The survey takes approximately 45 minutes.

**(3) Are instructors being notified if their class has been recommended for the survey?** Instructors whose courses have been recommended by CCSSE are being contacted in advance in order to schedule the desired date for administration of the survey in their classrooms.

**(4) How many classes and which classes are being surveyed?** A total of 48 specific course sections have been recommended by CCSSE to participate in the 2017 survey. The actual course sections recommended by CCSSE for survey participation are available [here](#).

**(5) What is the actual survey process?** Administration of the surveys in classrooms on both campuses will be assisted by a team of MJC Student Success Specialists affiliated with the MJC Office of Access, Retention & Student Success.

**(6) What do the surveys look like?** The 2017 CCSSE standard survey instrument, which will be completed by students using pencil (provided), is available [here](#). A final list of custom college questions specific to MJC will also be included in the 2017 CCSSE survey.

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## ***IMPORTANCE OF MJC PARTICIPATION IN THE 2017 CCSSE***

The year 2017 represents the 6th time that MJC has participated in the CCSSE since 2006. The previous results of this survey have enabled us to assess our overall institutional effectiveness in terms of 10-year key performance trends.

In 2017, the results of this survey will allow us to share with our campus community and other stakeholders just how much we have accomplished in our hard work at promoting and measuring our accomplishments--and our areas of continuing needed improvement--from the perspective of our students.

\*\*\* Earlier this month, CCSSE released an important new report based on its summary of previous nation-wide survey results from several hundred community college campuses. **This report is a "must-read" for all at MJC who have interest in issues of how our students manage their finances in order to attend MJC.** The report is called *Making Ends Meet: The Role of Community Colleges in Student Financial Health*.

### **ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2017 SOSE PILOT TEST AT MJC**

In 2017, MJC will provide a field test of the new Survey of Online Student Engagement (SOSE). This survey is designed as an online survey for students who are only enrolled in online courses at MJC during Spring 2017.

Initial planning is underway for administration of this survey during March, 2017. We estimate that as many as **1750** MJC online students will be eligible to participate in the SOSE.

The link for the online SOSE is being announced by Mike Smedshammer via Canvas during the week of March 6th. The survey will remain open until approximately April 30. Estimated completion time for this survey is 15 minutes.

Students invited to participate in the SOSE survey will *not* also be included in the Spring 2017 CCSSE (which is a classroom-based survey for face-to-face classes at MJC). A copy of the SOSE survey instrument is available here.

Questions about the CCSSE and SOSE surveys at MJC may be directed to Scott Kerlin, who is serving as MJC campus coordinator for the CCSSE.

**\*\* For general information please visit About the CCSSE and the CCSSE Talking Points resource.**

**\*\*\* For details about the previous offering of the CCSSE at MJC visit the CCSSE 2015 information page.**