

Engagement indicators Experiences with Writing are measured through the following questions in the NSSE.

**1. During the current school year, for how many *writing assignments* have you done the following?**

*Responses are on a Likert-type scale ranging from “no writing assignments” to “all writing assignments”.*

- a. Talked with a classmate, friend, or family member to develop your ideas before starting your assignment
- b. Received feedback from a classmate, friend, or family member about a draft before turning in your final assignment
- c. Gave feedback to a classmate about a draft or outline he or she had written
- d. Summarized material you read, such as articles, books, or online publications
- e. Analyzed or evaluated something you read, researched, or observed
- f. Described your methods or findings related to data you collected in lab or field work, a survey project, etc.
- g. Argued a position using evidence and reasoning
- h. Explained in writing the meaning of numerical or statistical data
- i. Wrote in the style and format of a specific field (engineering, history, psychology, etc.)
- j. Addressed a real or imagined audience such as your classmates, a politician, non-experts, etc.

**2. During the current school year, for how many of your *writing assignments* has your *instructor* done the following?**

*Responses are on a Likert-type scale ranging from “no writing assignments” to “all writing assignments”.*

- a. Provided clear instructions describing what he or she wanted you to do
- b. Explained in advance what he or she wanted you to learn
- c. Explained in advance the criteria he or she would use to grade your assignment