

Did You Know?

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A student's feeling of being supported and ready for college varies greatly by a student's age.

In the most recent *Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE)* conducted in September, 2022, Team AASPIRE took a look at how students answered questions based on their age.

Here is what we found:

At first, it looks like traditional age students are at a disadvantage -

When prompted "The instructors at this college want me to succeed" and given the options of Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree:

- 38% of traditional age students reported Strongly Agree
- 53% of non-traditional age students reported Strongly Agree

When prompted "I have the motivation to do what it takes to succeed in college":

- 48% of traditional age students reported Strongly Agree
- 62% of non-traditional age students reported Strongly Agree

When prompted "Ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions" and given the options of Never, Once, Two or three times, and Four or more times:

- 11% of traditional age students reported Never
- 0% of non-traditional age students reported Never

But, when asked about working together -

When prompted "Work with classmates outside of class on class projects or assignments":

- 33% of traditional age students reported at least once
- 12% of non-traditional age students reported at least once

When prompted "Participate in a student-initiated (not required) study group outside of class":

- 18% of traditional age students reported at least once
- 4% of non-traditional age students reported at least once

