

# SURVEY RESULTS SHOW HIGHER ENGAGEMENT AMONG STUDENTS AT ONLINE UNIVERSITY

WGU is an online, competency-based university whose more than 86,000 students live in all 50 states and complete their schoolwork independently and on their own schedules.

The new National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) found that despite working on their own outside the walls of a traditional classroom setting, WGU students feel more connected, supported, and engaged than their counterparts at more traditional outlets. The survey polled more 517,000 students from 725 institutions, both traditional and online, asking them to rate their experiences and engagement.

	WGU	National average	Difference
How much does your institution emphasize providing support to help students succeed academically? (Scale of 1–4)	51% say 4 ("very much")	28% say 4 ("very much")	WGU +23%
Indicate the quality of your interactions with faculty. (Scale of 1–7)	51% say 7 ("excellent")	28% say 7 ("excellent")	WGU +23%
During the current school year, to what extent have your courses challenged you to do your best work? (Scale of 1–7)	42% say 7 ("very much")	28% say 7 ("very much")	WGU +14%
How much has your experience at this institution contributed to your job-related knowledge and skills? (Scale of 1–4)	44% say 4 ("very much")	34% say 4 ("very much")	WGU +10%
How would you evaluate your entire educational experience at this institution? (Scale of 1–4)	63% say 4 ("excellent")	43% say 4 ("excellent")	WGU +20%
If you could start over again, would you go to the same institution you are now attending? (Scale of 1–4)	71% say 4 ("definitely yes")	45% say 4 ("definitely yes")	WGU +26%



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