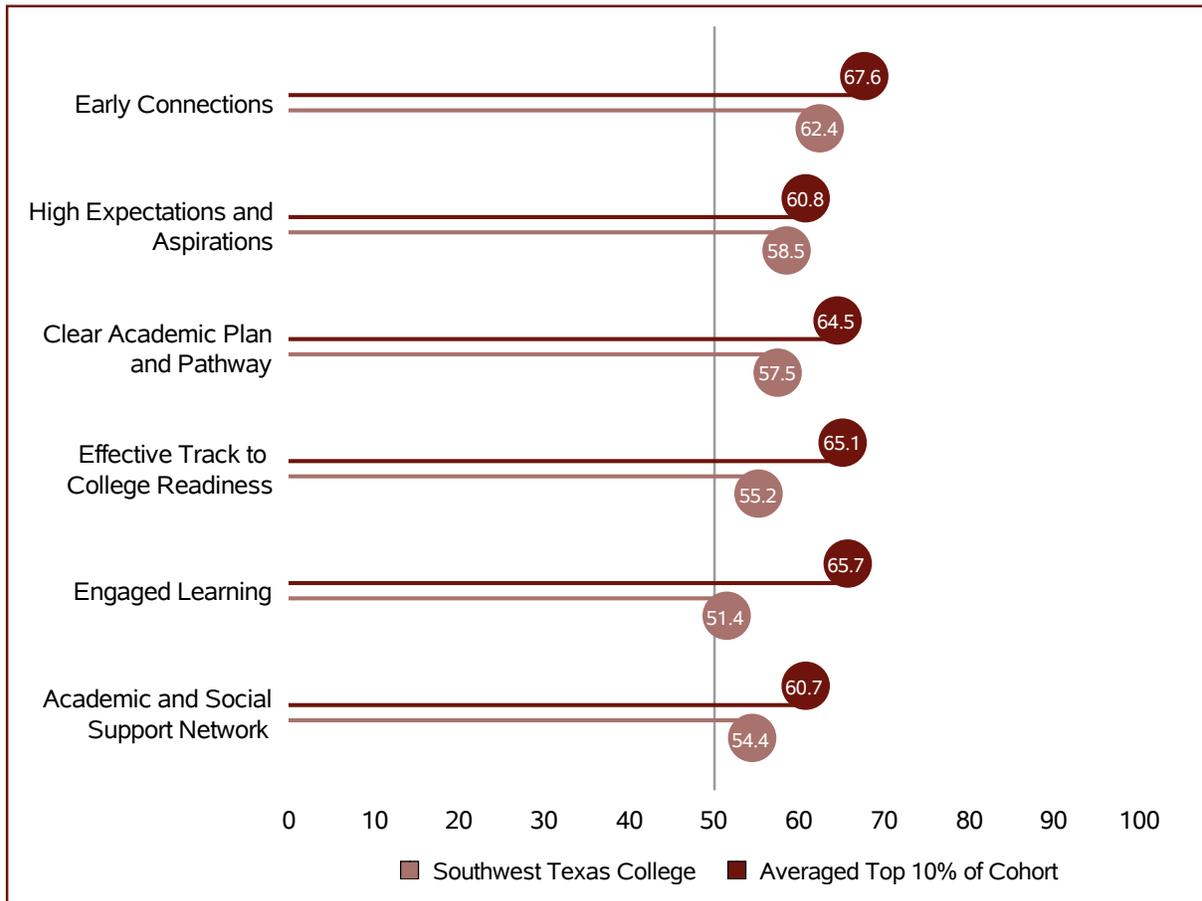


Southwest Texas College

***SENSE* 2025 Executive Summary of Results**



Standardized Benchmark Scores



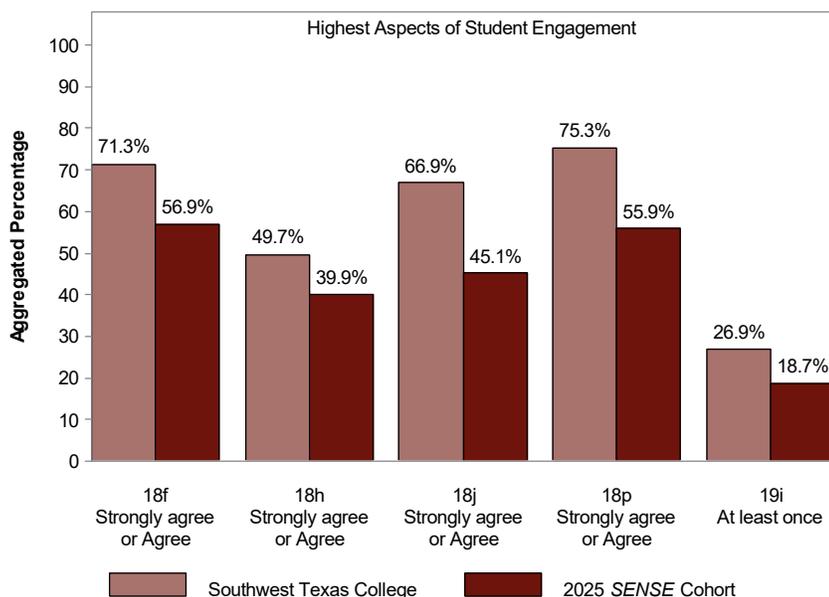
The *SENSE* benchmarks are groups of conceptually related survey items that address key areas of student engagement. The six benchmarks denote areas that educational research has shown to be important to students' early college experiences and educational outcomes. Therefore, they provide colleges with a useful starting point for looking at institutional results and allow colleges to gauge and monitor their performance in areas that are central to their work. In addition, participating colleges have the opportunity to make appropriate and useful comparisons between their performance and that of groups of other colleges.

Performing as well as the national average or a peer-group average may be a reasonable initial aspiration, but it is important to recognize that these averages are sometimes unacceptably low. Aspiring to match and then exceed high-performance targets is the stronger strategy.

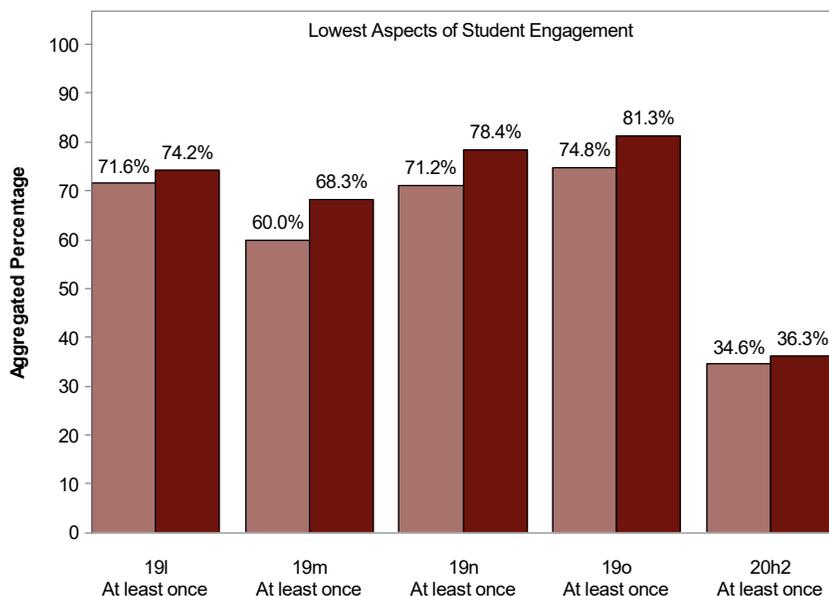
Therefore, provided above is a comparison of your college's standardized benchmark scores with the averaged benchmark scores from the top 10% of the current three-year cohort.

For further information about *SENSE* benchmarks and how they are computed, please visit www.cccse.org.

Highest and Lowest Aspects of Student Engagement



| Item | Benchmark |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 18f. An advisor helped me to set academic goals and to create a plan for achieving them | Clear Academic Plan & Pathway |
| 18h. A college staff member talked with me about my commitments outside of school to help me figure out how many courses to take | Clear Academic Plan & Pathway |
| 18j. A college staff member helped me determine whether I qualified for financial assistance | Early Connections |
| 18p. At least one college staff member (other than an instructor) learned my name | Early Connections |
| 19i. Frequency: Participated in a required study group outside of class | Engaged Learning |



| Item | Benchmark |
|--|------------------|
| 19l. Frequency: Used an electronic tool to communicate with an instructor about coursework | Engaged Learning |
| 19m. Frequency: Discussed an assignment or grade with an instructor | Engaged Learning |
| 19n. Frequency: Asked for help from an instructor regarding questions or problems related to a class | Engaged Learning |
| 19o. Frequency: Received prompt written or oral feedback from instructors on your performance | Engaged Learning |
| 20h2. Frequency: Used computer lab | Engaged Learning |

One way to dig more deeply into benchmark scores is to analyze those items that contribute to the overall benchmark score. This section features the five items across all benchmarks (excluding those for which means are not calculated) on which the college scored highest and the five items on which the college scored lowest relative to the 2025 SENSE Cohort. It is important to note that some colleges' highest mean scores may be lower than the cohort mean, and conversely, some colleges' lowest mean scores may be higher than the cohort mean.

While examining these data, keep in mind that the selected items may not be those that are most closely aligned with the college's goals; thus, it is important to review all institutional reports on the SENSE online reporting system at www.cccse.org.

Notes:

For Item(s) 18, *strongly agree* and *agree* responses are combined.

For Item(s) 19, except 19c, 19d, 19f, and 19s, *once*, *two or three times*, and *four or more times* responses are combined.

For Item(s) 20, *once*, *two or three times*, and *four or more times* responses are combined.



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