



**Beginning College Survey
of Student Engagement**

BCSSE 2008 Scale Descriptions

The following BCSSE scales were constructed by converting the responses for each item to a 0-10 range. A mean scale score was then calculated for each student. Below is a brief description of each scale.

High School Academic Engagement (HSE)

Engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the last year of high school.

Expected Academic Engagement (EAE)

Expected engagement in educationally relevant behaviors during the first year of college.

Expected Academic Perseverance (EAP)

Student certainty that they will persist in the face of academic adversity.

Expected Academic Difficulty (EAD)

Expected academic difficulty during the first year of college.

Perceived Academic Preparation (PAP)

Student perception of their academic preparation.

Importance of Campus Environment (ICE)

Student-rated importance that the institution provides a challenging and supportive environment.
