

Learning with Peers: First-year students

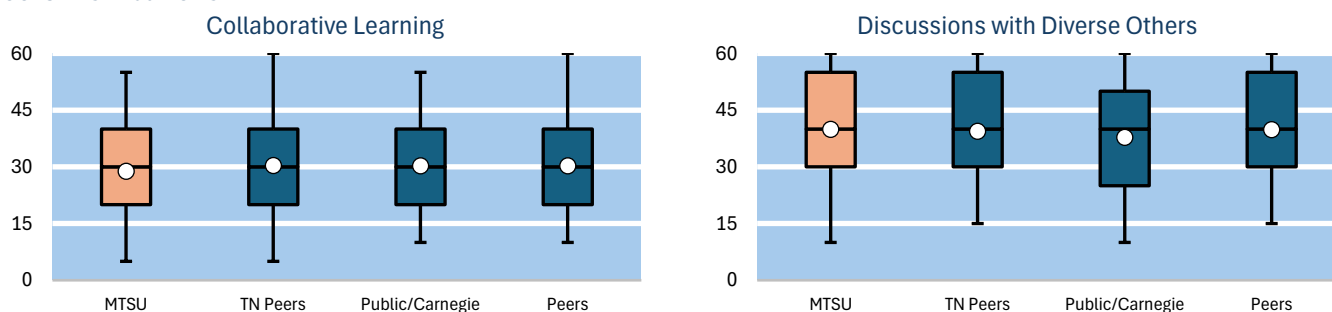
Collaborating with others in mastering difficult material and interacting with peers from different backgrounds prepares students to deal with complex, unscripted problems they will encounter during and after college. Two Engagement Indicators make up this theme: *Collaborative Learning* and *Discussions with Diverse Others*. Below are three views of your results alongside those of your comparison groups.

Mean Comparisons

Engagement Indicator	MTSU Mean	Your first-year students compared with					
		TN Peers		Public/Carnegie		Peers	
		Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size	Mean	Effect size
Collaborative Learning	28.8	30.3 *	-.11	30.3 *	-.11	30.3 *	-.10
Discussions with Diverse Others	39.9	39.4	.03	37.8 *	.13	39.9	.00

Notes: Results weighted by institution-reported sex and enrollment status (and institution size for comparison groups); Effect size: Mean difference divided by pooled standard deviation; Symbols on the Overview page are based on effect size and p before rounding; *p < .05, **p < .01, ***p < .001 (2-tailed).

Score Distributions



Notes: Each box-and-whiskers chart plots the 5th (bottom of lower bar), 25th (bottom of box), 50th (middle line), 75th (top of box), and 95th (top of upper bar) percentile scores. The dot represents the mean score. Refer to Detailed Statistics for your institution's sample sizes.

Performance on Indicator Items

The table below displays how your students responded to each EI item, and the difference, in percentage points, between your students and those of your comparison group. Blue bars indicate how much higher your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group. Dark red bars indicate how much lower your institution's percentage is from that of the comparison group.

		Percentage point difference ^a between your FY students and		
	MTSU	TN Peers	Public/Carnegie	Peers
Collaborative Learning				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often"...	%			
1b. Asked another student to help you understand course material	41	-6	-6	-7
1c. Explained course material to one or more students	45	-5	-3	-3
1d. Prepared for exams by discussing or working through course material with other students	40	-2	-1	-2
1e. Worked with other students on course projects or assignments	48	-4	-6	-5
Discussions with Diverse Others				
Percentage of students who responded that they "Very often" or "Often" had discussions with...				
8a. People of races or ethnicities other than your own	75	+6	+7	-2
8b. People from economic backgrounds other than your own	71	-1	+2	-2
8c. People with religious beliefs other than your own	68	+1	+4	+1
8d. People with political views other than your own	66	-0	+9	+5

Notes: Refer to your *Frequencies and Statistical Comparisons* report for full distributions and significance tests. Item numbering corresponds to the survey facsimile available on the NSSE website.

a. Percentage point difference = Institution percentage – Comparison group percentage. Because results are rounded to whole numbers, differences of less than 1 point may or may not display a bar. Small, but nonzero differences may be represented as +0 or -0.

