

MySuccessCheck is a 15-item questionnaire for new GVSU undergraduate students, intended to provide an early indication of which students are at greatest risk for dropping out. The questionnaire is intentionally brief, and includes two types of items: a few items required to create an effective diagnostic scale identifying students’ risk of dropout; and other specific items that GVSU student-support staff indicated they would use in practical interventions with individual students expressing needs.

**Participation Rate:**

The winter 2019 survey was open from Jan 28-Feb 8. Students in their first GVSU semester were invited via email to participate and were also encouraged to do so by staff throughout the university.

	# Invited	Participants	Response Rate
Total	396	125	32%
FTIAC	34	11	32%
Transfer	362	114	32%
On-Campus Resident	94	49	52%
Off-Campus Resident	302	76	25%
Female	201	72	36%
First Generation	164	50	31%
Students of Color	82	18	22%

**Risk Assessment and Staff Follow-up:**

The MySuccessCheck interface for staff members includes a mechanism for staff members to post notes to individual students’ records. These notes allow staff members to coordinate responses, and also allow us to assess the completeness and effectiveness of the responses. Staff members categorize the intensity of each response using the following scale:

- One-way communication ... staff member sent an email or left a voicemail message, but didn’t receive any reciprocal communication.
- Limited communication ... staff member and student communicated reciprocally, but not in particular depth.
- Discussion ... staff member had a substantive exchange of information about the content of the student’s MySuccessCheck response.

Altogether, staff logged 229 contacts affecting 115 different participants.

Risk Category (computed)	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Low	107	86%	2	0	95	10
Medium	9	7%	0	0	9	0
High	5	4%	1	0	4	0
Unclassified	4	3%	0	1	3	0
All	125	100%	3	1	111	10

**Survey Item Breakdown:**

**I am confident in my choice of major**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	57	46%	4%	2%	86%	9%
Agree	53	43%	2%		91%	8%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	8	6%			88%	13%
Disagree	6	5%			100%	
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**I would like an advisor to contact me to discuss my major or career goals**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	64	52%	3%	2%	81%	14%
Yes	60	48%	2%		97%	2%
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**I have spoken to one or more of my professors outside of class**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)		
			Discussion	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	13	10%		85%	15%
Agree	51	41%	4%	84%	12%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13	10%		100%	
Disagree	31	25%		100%	
Disagree Strongly	16	13%	6%	81%	13%
All	124	100%	2%	90%	8%

**If I need extra help to be successful in my coursework, I know where to go at GVSU to get academic support**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	30	25%	3%		73%	23%
Agree	58	48%	2%	2%	93%	3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13	11%			100%	
Disagree	18	15%	6%		94%	
Disagree Strongly	3	2%			100%	
All	122	100%	2%	1%	89%	7%

**I have friends at GVSU who I enjoy spending time with**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	31	25%			87%	13%
Agree	29	23%	3%		90%	7%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	37	30%	3%		92%	5%
Disagree	19	15%		5%	84%	11%
Disagree Strongly	8	6%	13%		88%	
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**I am satisfied with my social life at GVSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	23	19%	4%		87%	9%
Agree	33	27%			94%	6%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	38	31%		3%	92%	5%
Disagree	17	14%			88%	12%
Disagree Strongly	13	10%	15%		77%	8%
All	124	100%	2%	1%	90%	7%

**I plan to continue at GVSU next year**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)		
			Discussion	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	80	65%	3%	88%	10%
Agree	33	27%		97%	3%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	7	6%	14%	71%	14%
Disagree	2	2%		100%	
Disagree Strongly	1	1%		100%	
All	123	100%	2%	89%	8%

**I feel like I belong at GVSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)		
			Discussion	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	44	36%		86%	14%
Agree	43	35%	2%	88%	9%
Neither Agree nor Disagree	28	23%	4%	96%	
Disagree	5	4%		100%	
Disagree Strongly	3	2%	33%	67%	
All	123	100%	2%	89%	8%

**In an average week (so far) how many hours do you spend studying and preparing for your courses?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)		
			Discussion	One-way	None
Less than 1	4	3%		100%	
1 to 5	30	24%	3%	90%	7%
6 to 10	43	35%	2%	98%	
11 to 15	20	16%	5%	95%	
16 to 20	13	10%		69%	31%
21 to 25	9	7%		78%	22%
26 to 30	1	1%			100%
31 to 35	3	2%		100%	
More than 40	1	1%			100%
All	124	100%	2%	90%	8%

**How many of your scheduled classes have you missed?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
None of them	70	56%	3%	1%	87%	9%
One	20	16%			95%	5%
Two	23	19%			87%	13%
3 to 5	9	7%	11%		89%	
I Don't Know	2	2%			100%	
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**Do you feel like homesickness is affecting your daily life at GVSU?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
I'm not homesick	81	65%	2%		91%	6%
Homesickness is not really bothering me much	25	20%			96%	4%
I feel homesick most days but it's getting better	14	11%		7%	64%	29%
Homesickness is making it difficult to do my class work	3	2%	33%		67%	
I regret moving away from home	1	1%			100%	
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**Do you still need to purchase textbooks for any of your classes this semester?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	109	88%	3%	1%	87%	9%
Yes	15	12%			100%	
All	124	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**Would you like someone from the Disability Support Resources office to contact you to discuss accommodations and resources related to a disability?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	114	93%	3%	1%	89%	7%
Yes	9	7%			78%	22%
All	123	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%

**Are your finances or lack of financial resources limiting or interrupting your access to food?**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response (row sums to 100%)			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	110	89%	3%	1%	87%	9%
Yes	13	11%			100%	
All	123	100%	2%	1%	89%	8%