

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 2018 survey was open from Jan 29 – Feb 6. Students in their first GVSU semester were invited via email to participate, and were also encouraged by Residence Life and advising staff.

	# Invited	Participants	Response Rate
Total	406	133	33%
FTIAC	35	16	46%
Transfer	371	117	32%
On-Campus Resident	102	80	78%
Off-Campus Resident	304	53	17%
Female	223	75	34%
First Generation	180	56	31%
Students of Color	78	21	27%

**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

The mySuccessCheck interface is intended to allow staff members to intervene with students whose responses indicate risk or particular needs. Staff are supposed to log their contacts with the students in the system. Altogether, staff logged 89 contacts, affecting 68 different participants.

Risk Category (computed)	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Low	100	75%	4	5	36	55
Medium	21	16%	8	0	10	3
High	6	4%	1	0	2	3
Unclassified	6	4%	0	0	2	4
All	133	100%	13	5	50	65

**Survey Item Breakdown and Staff Follow-up:**

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	54	41	5	3	13	33
Agree	52	39	7	2	23	20
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16	12	1		7	8
Disagree	9	7			6	3
Disagree Strongly	2	2			1	1
All	133	100	13	5	50	65

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	73	56	4	2	15	52
Yes	58	44	9	3	35	11
All	131	100	13	5	50	63

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	21	16	3		2	16
Agree	57	43	5	3	21	28
Neither Agree nor Disagree	13	10	3		7	3
Disagree	35	27	2	1	17	15
Disagree Strongly	6	5		1	3	2
All	132	100	13	5	50	64

**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			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	34	26	5	1	11	17
Agree	60	45	6	2	20	32
Neither Agree nor Disagree	19	14	1		11	7
Disagree	16	12		1	8	7
Disagree Strongly	4	3	1	1		2
All	133	100	13	5	50	65

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	36	28	2	1	18	15
Agree	38	29	5	2	12	19
Neither Agree nor Disagree	18	14	3	1	6	8
Disagree	28	22	1	1	10	16
Disagree Strongly	10	8	2		4	4
All	130	100	13	5	50	62

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	24	18		1	11	12
Agree	41	31	2	2	17	20
Neither Agree nor Disagree	47	36	8	1	12	26
Disagree	17	13	1	1	9	6
Disagree Strongly	3	2	1		1	1
All	132	100	12	5	50	65

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	62	47	3	1	23	35
Agree	47	36	5	3	18	21
Neither Agree nor Disagree	16	12	3	1	7	5
Disagree	5	4	2		2	1
Disagree Strongly	1	1				1
All	131	100	13	5	50	63

**I feel like I belong at GVSU**

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
Agree Strongly	44	34	4	1	14	25
Agree	47	36	6	2	20	19
Neither Agree nor Disagree	31	24	2	1	12	16
Disagree	8	6	1	1	3	3
Disagree Strongly	1	1				1
All	131	100	13	5	49	64

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
1 to 5	21	16	1	1	5	14
6 to 10	47	36	6	2	19	20
11 to 15	26	20	4	1	11	10
16 to 20	10	8	1		5	4
21 to 25	13	10			5	8
26 to 30	6	5		1	2	3
31 to 35	2	2				2
36 to 40	3	2			1	2
More than 40	3	2	1		1	1
All	131	100	13	5	49	64

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
None of them	70	53	4	3	25	38
One	35	27	5	2	14	14
Two	17	13	3		7	7
3 to 5	9	7	1		2	6
All	131	100	13	5	48	65

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
I'm not homesick	80	61	4	5	25	46
Homesickness is not really bothering me much	33	25	4		15	14
I feel homesick most days but it's getting better	13	10	2		9	2
Homesickness is making it difficult to do my class work	4	3	3			1
I regret moving away from home	1	1			1	
All	131	100	13	5	50	63

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

	Frequency	Percent	Staff Response			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	116	89	10	4	43	59
Yes	15	11	3	1	6	5
All	131	100	13	5	49	64

**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			
			Discussion	Limited	One-way	None
No	127	98	13	5	48	61
Yes	2	2			1	1
All	129	100	13	5	49	62