### El Camino College

# Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE) 2018 Results Highlights



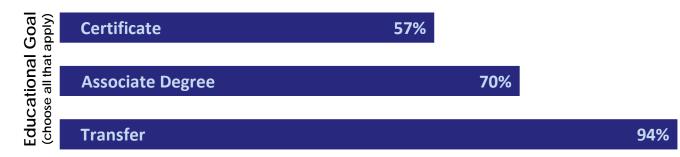
#### **Entering Students Profile (N=543)**



Percent of respondents indicated that neither parent has college experience



Percent of respondents indicated that English was not their first language



#### Before the beginning of the semester...

42% attended an on-campus orientation



**17%** of respondents were not aware of orientation

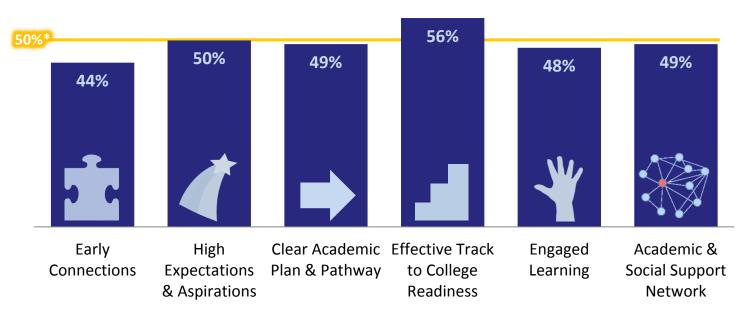
28% completed orientation online

credited their friends, family, and 45% other students as the main source of academic advising. This includes:

- help with academic goal-setting
- course recommendations
- graduation requirements

## Benchmark Scores for ECC Compared to SENSE Cohort

SENSE Cohort



<sup>\*</sup> Each benchmark score is computed by averaging the scores on survey items that make up that benchmark. Benchmark scores are standardized so that the mean always is 50% and the standard deviation is 25%.

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Think about your experiences from the time of your decision to attend this college		Agree/Strongly Agree	
through the end of the first three weeks of your first semester:	ECC	SENSE Cohort	
18a. The very first time I came to this college I felt welcome	65.4%	76.3%	
18i. The college provided adequate info. about scholarships, grants, loans, etc.	47.4%	53.7%	
18j. A college staff member helped me determine if I qualified for financial aid		38.3%	

**High Expectations & Aspirations** 

Think about your experiences from the time of your decision to attend this college		Agree/Strongly Agree	
through the end of the first three weeks of your first semester:	ECC	SENSE Cohort	
18b. The instructors at this college want me to succeed	83.8%	87.7%	
18t. I have the motivation to do what it takes to succeed in college	84.0%	86.8%	
18u. I am prepared academically to succeed in college	79.9%	83.1%	

Clear Academic Plan & Pathway

Think about your experiences from the time of your decision to attend this college		Agree/Strongly Agree	
through the end of the first three weeks of your first semester:	ECC	SENSE Cohort	
18d. I was able to meet with an academic advisor at times convenient for me	61.1%	66.6%	
18e. An advisor helped me to select a course of study, program, or major	65.3%	65.4%	
18f. An advisor helped me set academic goals and create a plan for achieving them	54.5%	48.5%	
18g. An advisor helped me to identify courses I needed to take my first semester	77.3%	75.8%	

**Effective Track to College Readiness** 

Think about your experiences from the time of your decision to attend this college		Agree/Strongly Agree	
through the end of the first three weeks of your first semester:		SENSE Cohort	
21a. I learned to improve my study skills	69.4%	75.4%	
21b. I learned to understand my academic strengths and weaknesses		72.9%	
21c. I learned skills and strategies to improve my test-taking ability	51.8%	56.7%	

**Engaged Learning** 

During the first three weeks of your first semester at this college, about how often		Two or more times	
did you do the following?	ECC	SENSE Cohort	
19a. Ask questions in class or contribute to class discussions	58.7%	65.0%	
19m. Discuss an assignment or grade with an instructor	26.2%	31.4%	
19n. Ask an instructor for help regarding questions or problems related to a class	42.1%	44.7%	
19o. Receive prompt feedback from instructors on your performance		45.9%	
From the time of your decision to attend this college through the end of the first		Two or more times	
three weeks of your first semester. How often did you use the following services?	ECC	SENSE Cohort	
20.2d. Face-to-face tutoring	8.6%	8.5%	
20.2f. Writing, math, or other skill lab	13.9%	18.9%	
20.2h. Computer lab	28.9%	30.7%	

**Academic and Social Support** 

Think about your experiences from the time of your decision to attend this college		Agree/Strongly Agree	
through the end of the first three weeks of your first semester:		SENSE Cohort	
18l. Instructors clearly explained academic and student support services available	69.3%	72.3%	
18m. All instructors clearly explained course grading policies	87.9%	87.7%	
18n. All instructors clearly explained course syllabi (syllabuses)	91.6%	90.5%	
18o. I knew how to get in touch with my instructors outside of class	83.0%	88.0%	
18r. At least one instructor learned my name	78.3%	84.3%	

The entire SENSE report can be found in the "Surveys" section of the Institutional Research & Planning website.

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