

June 2017 MSCHE Self Study Report Outcomes

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On June 29, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) posted the Self Study Report outcomes for 34 of the 36 (94%) colleges and universities whose reports were submitted ahead of the Commission’s June 22 meeting. The outcomes for the remaining two institutions will be posted on July 12. The posted results included those for 12 of the 14 (86%) Collaborative Implementation Project (CIP) schools that piloted the new MSCHE accreditation standards. The results for one of those schools will be posted on July 12. The other will likely be posted following the Commission’s November 16 meeting.

Slightly more than half of the reports resulted in some degree of follow-up requests. 18 (53%) required follow up or additional reporting to accompany the institution’s Annual Institutional Update.

Select data is below:

Most-Frequently Cited MSCHE Standards:

Rank	Standard	June 2017 (% of Follow-Up/ Additional Reporting)	2015-2017 Average (% of Follow-Up/ Additional Reporting)
1.	VI: Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement	56%	73%
2.	V: Educational Effectiveness Assessment	56%	61%
3.	IV: Support of the Student Experience	28%	23%
4.	III: Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience	22%	32%
5.	VII: Governance, Leadership, and Administration	22%	30%
6.	II: Ethics and Integrity	11%	11%
7.	I: Mission and Goals	6%	3%
Percent of Self Study Reports with Follow-up or Additional Reporting		52.9%	53.2%
Sanctions as a Percent of Follow-up or Additional Reporting		22.2%	23.0%

The CIP institutions proved to be stronger than non-CIP schools when it came to Standards V (Educational Effectiveness Assessment) and VI (Planning, Resources, and Institutional Improvement).

CIP Institutions vs. All Other Institutions (June 2017):

Institutions	# Self Study Report Submissions	Standard V Citations	Standard VI Citations
CIP Institutions	12	2: 17% of submissions	1: 8% of submissions
All Other	22	8: 36% of submissions	9: 41% of submissions
All Institutions	34	10: 29% of submissions	10: 29% of submissions