The **Beginning College Survey of Student Engagement (BCSSE)** First-Year Student Advising Report is an individualized report designed to help advisors understand the background of students and their expectations for their first year at your institution. Each report draws on that student’s responses to the recently completed BCSSE survey.

**Using Your BCSSE Advising Report**

The BCSSE First-Year Student Advising Report identifies the activities and experiences the student expects from the upcoming academic year. Reviewing these results can focus advising discussions with your students on ways to enhance their undergraduate experience and help them achieve success at your institution.

**What Student Advising Information Is in the BCSSE Advising Report?**

- **Commitment to the institution.** Look for indications that the student’s level of commitment is low. Was your campus the student’s first choice, second, or third? Does the student anticipate graduating there?

- **Time on Task.** Pay particular attention to students who reported spending low amounts of time in class preparation while in high school. Make sure students understand the academic rigor required of them during their first year of college.

- **Expected transition difficulty.** A high level of expected difficulty is an indicator that a student is more likely to struggle during the first year. Discuss with the student why he or she feels these areas will be difficult and how and where to get needed help.

- **Persisting in the face of academic adversity.** Each student deals with adversity differently. Discuss with students their strategies as well as other ways to cope with difficult academic circumstances.

- **Self-perception of academic preparation.** Academic success in college is strongly related to students’ own perceptions that they can do the work. Talk with students about their academic preparation and their confidence that they can succeed.

- **Valuation of the institution’s challenging and supportive environment.** Campuses provide many resources to help their students be successful. Students who do not value these resources, however, are not as likely to seek help when they need it. Discuss with students the importance of seeking help and where at your institution they can find it.

More information about the **BCSSE Advising Report** can be found at [bcsse.indiana.edu](http://bcsse.indiana.edu) or by contacting [bcsse@indiana.edu](mailto:bcsse@indiana.edu)