**Weights and Local Student Characteristics**

Full-time students, who by definition are enrolled in more classes than part-time students, are more likely to be sampled. To adjust for this sampling bias, a statistical weighting procedure is applied to *CCSSE* results when an analysis contains both full-time and part-time students. Weighting is uniquely calculated for each institution and is based on the most recent publicly available IPEDS enrollment figures.

Under certain circumstances, deactivating weights may be a more informative way to examine institutional *CCSSE* data. Even the most recent IPEDS data are approximately two years old and may not always accurately represent a college's current student population. For example, in the case that a college has experienced a significant change in enrollment characteristics during the two years prior to administering *CCSSE*, the college's institutional research department may want to consider whether the weights based on the IPEDS numbers are completely appropriate.

For example, a college where the vast majority of students are either full-time or part-time (e.g., 92% full-time) may want to look at the unweighted results for the majority group of students to guide campus discussions.