

STATEMENT OF NEED

Grade Point Averages.

SSS participants also have much higher grade point averages (GPAs) when compared to SSS eligible students at . In fact, SSS participants have higher GPAs than the entire student body at . However, Table 13 also presents evidence that if the SSS project were not providing academic support services, these eligible students would be performing at a much lower level than their non-eligible peers.

TABLE 13 GPA'S OF SSS ELIGIBLE STUDENTS COMPARED TO THE ENTIRE STUDENT BODY		
<u>Population</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>GPA</u>
SSS Eligible	3,392	2.11
	4,087	2.34
SSS Participants	235	2.94
Source: Database, 1995.		

Additionally, 38%, or 429 of student population are ethnic minorities. The grade point average of African American SSS participants is 2.52, while the GPA of SSS eligible African American students is 1.56. The GPA of Native American SSS participants is 3.05, while the GPA of SSS eligible Native American students is 2.20. In fact, the GPA of all SSS participants is much higher than their SSS eligible cohorts and the general student body at . This attests to the strong academic support provided to participants in the SSS program at .

TABLE 14 GPA'S OF SSS ELIGIBLE COMPARED TO GPA'S AT THE INSTITUTION BY ETHNICITY			
<u>Population</u>	<u>SSS Eligible</u>	<u>Total Institution</u>	<u>SSS Participants</u>
	1.56	2.49	2.52
	1.76	2.58	2.94
	2.20	2.42	3.05
	1.47	2.26	3.15
	2.61	2.67	3.02
Sources: Data Base, 1995.			