UA Rich Mountain
Assessing Student Learning
Course Outcomes Report
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1. **Purpose**
   The Course Outcomes Report supplies information each semester regarding student learning on the course level. This report must be submitted to your division chair by the last day of the semester. Data from this report will be integrated into the annual Program Review. The Strategic Goals aligned with this report are Strategic Goal Three: Provide High Quality Education and Strategic Goal Four: Continuous Quality Improvement.

2. **Course Details**
   Course Name: Comp I Course #: ENG113-ME1

3. **Assessed Outcome**
   Course Outcome: Use writing and reading for inquiry, learning, thinking, and communicating.

   Related Program Outcome: Write a clearly expressed, grammatically correct five-paragraph essay including a thesis sentence, central paragraphs, introduction, and conclusion.

   Related GELO category (choose one):
   - ☐ Thinking critically
   - ☒ Communicating effectively
   - ☐ Using technology
   - ☐ Conducting relevant research

4. **Evidence of Student Learning**
   Describe the classroom activity/tools related to the **course** objective (project, discussion, essay, quiz, etc.): Essay

5. **Course Data**
   Number of students in your course(s) who met the course objective: 7

   Total number of students in your course section(s): 10

   Percent (%) of students achieving this course objective: 70%

6. **Response to Data**
   Will you change how you teach as a result of this assessment?

   ☐Change(s) needed. *Type explanation here.*
   ☒No change(s) needed. The three students who did not meet the course objective failed to turn in the assignment.

***Attach <u>anonymous</u> student samples of each activity along with the grading rubric/scale.**
****Attach any meeting minutes associated with this assessment.**

How Our Society Has Changed

As time goes on, our society changes in many different ways. Things that may have been acceptable fifty years ago will not be as accepted today. The way the world did things fifty years ago is not how we do things now. The amount of change our world has gone through over time is a lot, not only significant changes but also small ones. Many things go unnoticed that have become different to fit our modern world, with a few notable ones being school dress codes, screen time, and how families have changed to better adapt to things now.

Firstly, the world's view on dress codes has become quite different over the years. ¨The vast majority — 90 percent of students — reported that they disliked wearing uniforms¨ (Wilde). Students should not have to wear uniforms or at least be able to choose whether or not they want to. Uniforms will take away students' ability to express themselves, make clothes washing more excessive, and make parents pay large amounts of money that they may not have. First off, some students want to be able to express themselves through their style. Uniforms would take that away because there's no way to customize them to make them more personalized. Identical uniforms would take away a student's sense of individuality at school. Second, since there is only one uniform, it will need to be washed multiple times a week. It will most likely cause the uniform to wear down faster and, in turn, will make parents have to buy another one. Finally, most uniforms can be expensive. ¨...13 percent of parents surveyed were getting into debt overpaying for school uniforms, up from seven percent in its 2015 report¨ (Becket). Because of this, families who may already struggle with money will have a more difficult time affording them. Schools should not require the use of uniforms so that students can keep their sense of creativity, keep from wearing clothes out, and keep from having to pay excessive money.

Secondly, screen time and technology are a lot different than they used to be. ¨... "What would you say was the biggest improvement to life in America over the past 50 years or so?" Technology was

cited most (42%)...¨ (Strauss). Society can argue screen time is good or bad in our modern society, but many people who say it is bad may not understand how useful it can be. Technology helps with a lot of things that may have been difficult or inaccessible in the past. Screen time can keep me connected with friends or other family members, help answer my questions, and take the stress off certain situations. First off, I can stay connected with friends and family outside of school or the house. ¨Even though the survey found that phone calls are still the most popular form of family communication, for many, other technology offers ways to keep in touch when face-to-face visits aren't an option¨ (Adler). Technology makes it possible for me to stay in touch with people even if I'm not able to be around them in person, which is helpful during emergencies. Second, I can find answers to my questions online. Looking up information is extremely helpful, especially when I need it for school or just in general. Finally, screen time can take a lot of stress off of certain situations or just daily life. Instead of having to do lots of homework if I have missed school days, I can do it at home, which helps since I don't have to worry about missing assignments. In conclusion, screen time can be very beneficial for many people by keeping everyone in touch, answering questions, and worrying less about work or school.

Finally, the ideal family size has changed a lot. ¨Half of Americans (48%) say two is the ideal number of children for a family to have, reflecting a decades-long preference for a smaller family over a larger one¨ (Gao). Families have become smaller as time has gone on, and since the current times are very different from the past, having fewer children is almost necessary to fit modern requirements. Being able to afford things, work, and give more attention are all reasons why having a smaller family can be more beneficial than having a bigger one. First off, smaller families are easier to afford. Since having children can be very expensive now, spending money on clothes, food, and other necessities can be a lot easier when doing it for two children compared to four or five. Second, both the mother and father will usually be working compared to in the past. Having children can make it harder to work as well as parent at the same time. More than a few children make it especially difficult in modern times since it can be challenging to find daycares or babysitters. Finally, parents can give more attention to

their children in smaller families. Suppose there are too many children to care for in the family. In that case, it can be challenging to give everyone individual attention and make kids feel left out. ¨One dominant explanation of this finding is the "resource dilution" model, which posits that more children means each child receives a smaller share of parents' limited amount of time, energy, and money¨ (Sutherland). If families are working and trying to parent, a smaller family will make it easier to manage attention. In conclusion, smaller families are better for modern times because of the lower expenses, free time, and quality attention.

As a result, our current society has changed a lot regarding school dress codes, screen time and technology, and how family sizes have become significantly smaller over the years. There are not many ways our society can keep going the way it did 50 years ago, so we must adapt to current living standards. Instead of fighting against the changes, the world should learn to go along with them. So in many ways, the way things have changed may not have been ideal in the past but better fit our world today.