NNMC has been reporting Fall-to-Fall Retention with the NMICC since 2004. The benchmark was that of our 2-year institutions. In 2011, our new benchmark of 60% was an adjustment to better reflect the retention rates of our 4-year peer institutions.

Northern continues to develop and pursue initiatives that will support and improve student retention. In recognition of the need for individualized student support and its contribution to higher retention rates of our students, the College has committed to the support and implementation of numerous, integrated student retention initiatives, including: (1) Campus-wide student advisement that involves professional staff and faculty in supporting students through their first year; (2) a New Student Orientation program that is based on best practices in campus engagement and student development; and (3) a strategic enrollment management plan. Through these efforts, Northern is engaged in ongoing analysis and continuous improvement of student satisfaction and engagement.