

Classroom Practices That Support Student Success

You can implement a number of practices in your classroom to help facilitate your students' success. Use this checklist to determine the areas in which you are already implementing student success strategies and in which areas you might make adjustments.

1. Clearly Communicate Your Expectations

___ I have created detailed guidelines for all assignments by which I communicate my expectations for students' assignment submissions.

___ All assignments, due dates, and assessment dates are listed on the syllabus with a clear indication of how each factors into students' grades.

___ In class, I articulate and reiterate my expectations by directing students to the syllabus and assignment guidelines and by answering students' questions.

2. Focus on Learning

___ When students are completing activities and assignments, I explain to them what the intended learning outcomes are and what skills they will develop.

3. Ensure Assignments and Activities Prepare Students

___ I have checked the level of difficulty of homework, in-class activities, nongraded assignments, and other formative assessments to ensure that it is equal to the level of difficulty of my summative assessments.

4. Encourage Student-to-Student Support

___ I have included the experiences of my past students—by having past students be part of a panel or create advice cards to offer guidance to new students—in my course(s) so students receive support from their peers who know what it takes to succeed in my course(s).

5. Connect Study Habits and Performance

___ After the first assessment is returned, I ask students to take an inventory or survey about their study habits to show them how study behaviors are related to their course performance.

___ Throughout the semester, I regularly remind students about the connection between their study habits and course performance.