

Reading Improvement Focus Group Says...

(From students in an Reading Improvement class at Pulaski Technical College .)



The barriers to student persistence and success are (in rank order):

1. Class absences, parking.
2. Managing schedule.
3. Medical situations (hospital visits).
4. Location of buildings.
5. Child care/ raising children.

Pulaski Tech provides effective support to students by providing (in rank order):

1. Allowing students to leave when ill and working with students on missed assignments.
2. A planner for students, extending deadlines and going over test information thoroughly.
3. Allowing students to leave when ill and working with students on missed assignments.
4. Nothing.
5. Nothing.

Pulaski Tech can improve student persistence and success by offering (in rank order):

1. Chance to make up work and nurse on campus.
Assigned student parking, building a parking deck, and fewer faculty and staff spaces.
2. Gas station on campus.
3. Make-up work and make-up tests. Nurse on campus.
4. More time between classes, shuttles, cluster classes, faster elevators, better accommodations for handicapped students, covered walkways.
5. Day care on campus, resources for day care financial assistance, daycare fees as part of tuition payments.

The focus group's opinions of the knowledge students need to have and the action strategies students can implement to improve success are listed in the "Reading Improvement Focus Group Results" document available on the PTC Achieving the Dream web site.