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Five factors to help students succeed

1. Secondary-level programs for college preparation and life-learning
2. Mentorships to help build students’ self-confidence and self-efficacy
3. Guaranteed financial support for the program length
4. Peer and academic support
5. Smaller class sizes

3 categories of resources essential to student success

Institutional Factors
- Library spending positively impacts student graduation rates
- Reduce class sizes to improve retention rates
- Create bridge programs to link secondary education to college attainment
- Sponsor academic success workshops for entry-level students

Student Attributes
- Involvement and engagement
- Individual attributes and soft skills for success
- Participate in bridge programs that link higher education to secondary education

Financial Considerations
- Resources to pay for college
- Students’ ability to secure finances will improve student success

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