

The Difference Between *High School and College*



High School

- High School is mandatory and free.
- Others usually structure your time.
- Parents and teachers often remind students of their responsibilities and guide them in setting priorities.
- 6 hours each day – 30 hours a week – are spent in class.
- Consistent days. 6 periods each day.
- Teachers take attendance daily. May have different rules for attendance.
- Classes generally have no more than 30 students
- Your counselor guides course selection and monitors credits.
- Teachers remind students of due dates, deadlines, and incomplete work.
- Teachers approach you if they believe assistance is needed.
- Teachers are available before, during or after class.
- Teachers provide information missed if you are absent.
- Students are expected to read short assignments that are then discussed and often re-taught in class
- Students are usually corrected if their behavior is inappropriate.
- Review sessions re often held prior to tests. Test questions are usually directly taught in class. Make-up tests are usually available.
- Through vehicles such as an IEP or a 504 students parents, teachers, counselors and support staff work together to ensure the student needs are being met.



College

- College is voluntary and expensive.
- Students manage their own time.
- Decision making is largely the student's. The student must balance their own responsibilities and priorities.
- Approximately 12 – 16 hours a week in class.
- Often hours between classes. Time vary.
- Professors may or may not take roll. Each class
- Classes vary greatly in size. Some can be larger than 100 students
- Each student is responsible to know the requirements for their program of study.
- Students are expected to read, save and consult the course syllabus and know when assignments are due and how they will be graded.
- Professors are often open and helpful, but expect students to seek out help if it is needed.
- Professors expect you to attend their scheduled office hours.
- Professors expect students to obtain notes from a classmate if they miss class.
- Students are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing, which may never be directly addressed in class.
- Students must take responsibility for their actions and decisions as well as the consequences they produce.
- Students work independently to prepare for tests. Review sessions from professors are rare. Make-up tests are unusual.
- Students, not teachers, parents or counselors must be able to identify their disability, provide documentation, and request and request accommodations that are needed.