

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Class time	Classes meet daily.	Classes meet 2 times per week.
Study time	1-2 hours per day (a lot of homework is done in class).	For every 2 hours of class plan on 4 hours of homework.
Tests	Weekly, at the end of a chapter, frequent quizzes.	2-4 per semester, at the end of a chapter unit, at 8:00 a.m. the Monday following homecoming.
Grades	Being under the age of 21 guarantees you a seat.	Satisfactory academic standing=C's or above competitive entry into programs. D's/F's don't count.
Teachers	Often take attendance. School will call your parents regarding attendance.	Rarely take attendance or teach from the textbook. Often lecture non-stop & require library research. Student responsible for information from books, lecture and research.
Freedom	Structured defines it most of the time Limits are set by parents and school personnel.	Should I go to class? Can I make it on 4 hours of sleep? Can I skip studying today?
Reading	The reading requirements for most classes can be done with minimal outside work.	College is a reading intensive environment. Analytical reading skills are necessary. If books on tape are needed, must communicate with the support services office, the instructor and the reader.
Support services	School has responsibility to find those who need services and provide the services.	School has responsibility to provide <i>once</i> the student presents documentation of need and requests specific services.
Self-Advocacy	Parents and school staff advocate on behalf of the student.	Students are required to advocate for themselves with support from the disability services provider.
Tutoring	Often provided as part of support services during the school day. Free Service, individualized and personal. Often reiterates or re-teaches class material.	By law tutoring is considered homework assistance and colleges are not financially responsible. Most colleges provide limited tutoring. Not individualized. Services require students to attempt homework and meet with tutor with specific questions.
Colleges Can Vary	Most high schools offer similar services and the way to access those services is the same.	Each college or university has its own mission and the services offered reflect that mission. Some colleges offer more student support than others.