

Differences Between High School and College

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
<i>Applicable Laws</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>No Child Left Behind</i> is about success 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College provides <i>access</i>
<i>Self-Advocacy</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers approach students if they believe assistance is needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professors are open and helpful, but most expect students to initiate contact if assistance is needed
<i>Parental Role</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent has access to student records and can participate in the education process. • Parent may advocate for student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent does not have access to student records without student's written consent • Student advocates for self
<i>Instruction</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student is expected to read short assignments which are discussed and may be re-taught in class • Students seldom need to read anything more than once and listening in class may be sufficient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are assigned reading/writing which may not be directly addressed in class • Students need to review class notes, text and materials regularly
<i>Grades and Tests</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material • Makeup tests are often available • Teachers often take time to remind students of assignments and due dates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing is less frequent and may be cumulative, covering large amounts of material • Makeup tests are seldom an option; if they are, students need to request them • Professors expect students to read, save, and consult the course syllabus (outline); the syllabus spells out exactly what is expected, when it is due, and how work will be graded
<i>Study Responsibilities</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time and assignments are structured by others • Students may study outside class as little as 0 to 2 hours a week, and this may be mostly last-minute test preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the student's responsibility to complete assignments independently. • Students need to study at least 2 to 3 hours outside of class for each hour spent in class.
<i>Conduct</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disruptive conduct may be accepted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are disruptive and unable to abide by the University's Code of Conduct can be dismissed from the college.