

Some Differences between and

Topic	High School	College
 Class Time	6 hours per day, 180 days-1,080 hours total per year	12 hours a week, 32 weeks- 384 hours total per year
 Study Time	1-2 hours per day (a lot of homework is done in class) approx. 200 hours	3 hours of study per credit hour average, 3-4 hours of homework per day minimum (outside of class), approx. 1,152 hours
 Freedom	Structured- defines it most of the time, limits are set by parents, teachers, or other adults	Schedule not enforced! Should I go to class? Can I make it on 4 hours of sleep? Can I skip studying today? Your grades show your decisions!!
 Teachers	Often take attendance-may check notebooks; impart knowledge and facts with discussion and put information on board to copy; will find or phone student and/or parent if problems; may share course outline	May NOT take attendance; lecture from the textbook entire period requiring extensive note-taking; require library research, student responsible for information from books, lecture, and research; instructors won't call or contact you (CAN'T contact parents) if problems; know the course syllabus
 Assignments- Homework	Assignments done in class or study hall and shorter in length; teacher will help with make-up notes and assignments, little paper writing assigned with specialized format; possible extension on due dates; little work over holidays	Most assignments done outside class on your own time and much longer; get missed assignments and notes from peers in class, requires many term papers and/or presentations; assignments due on time regardless, no make-up work for late assignments; assigned work over holidays
 Reading	Reading of material done in class; reading required for most classes can be done with average reading skills	Reading intensive environment- reading must be done outside class; must read text material BEFORE class, critical reading skills are necessary
 Tests Quizzes	Weekly or biweekly; at the end of a chapter and frequent quizzes, pop quizzes to check preparedness	2-4 HUGE TESTS per semester; at the end of a chapter and some quizzes, pop quizzes to check knowledge (ex. 8 am pop quiz the Monday following Spring Break) no extra credit
 Grades	Right to free public education until age 21 regardless of grades	Competitive entry into programs, satisfactory academic standing = C=s or above; possible academic alert, probation, or suspension and loss of financial aid \$\$
 Student SUPPORT	Tutoring is contracted and paid for by parents; counselors available; directed by administrators/ teachers to seek aid	FREE tutoring at Learning Commons; you must ask for help
 STRESS level	Laid back and not much homework/ assignments over weekends; most excuses work, demands and expectations are minimal; some responsibility	Very intense with different levels of homework and assignments all times; few excuses work; high demands and expectations; responsible for yourself and actions
 Self-Advocacy Self	Administrators, teachers, and staff look out for you and assist	Students must find administrator, teacher, or staff and ask for assistance. YOU ASK!