

How is College Different from High School?



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High school is a TEACHING environment in which you acquire facts and skills.

College is a LEARNING environment in which you take responsibility for thinking through applying what you have learned.

In High School

- Your time is structured by others.
- Teachers remind you of your incomplete work.
- Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance.
- Teachers provide you with information you missed when absent.
- Teachers present material to help you understand the textbook.
- You may study 0 - 2 hours a week.
- Grades are used primarily for college admissions and scholarships.

In College

- You manage your own time
- Professors may not remind you of incomplete work.
- Professors are usually open and helpful, but most expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance.
- Professors expect you to get notes from classmates when you miss class.
- Professors may not follow the textbook, may provide background information.
- You need to study 2 - 3 hours for each hour of class.
- College grades are permanent and follow you throughout your academic life.

TIPS

- #1** Make time for your studies and fun. Reward yourself when you're done studying.
- #2** Keep track of your assignments.
- #3** Know your professor's name. Ask for help when you need it.
- #4** Reading the text will help you connect to the professor's lecture.
- #5** Allow for more study time. Some classes require more than one textbook so give yourself time to process the material.
- #6** College grades are forever. A poor grade will lower your GPA. See your high school counselor for assistance.

MOST IMPORTANT TIP : GO TO CLASS!