

## Differences between High School and College

Highly structured	More flexibility
Dependence	Independence
Courses less demanding	Courses more demanding
Requires less time and energy	Requires more time and energy
Students are considered children	Students are considered adults
Parents are held responsible for students	Students are responsible for themselves
Parents have access to student grades	Grades are confidential
Students remain in classes for one year	Students remain in classes one semester
Four marking periods	One grade reflects entire semester
Grades might reflect effort, quizzes, attendance, conduct, homework, projects and teacher's opinion.	Grades reflect performance on exams and projects
Teacher calls parents for conference	Professor has no interaction with parents
Teacher seeks out student to assist her/him	Student must seek out professors
Counselor meets with student and parents	Counselor meets with student
Daily lecture/classroom activities	Lectures are held two or three times a week
Tests are given weekly/biweekly	Tests are given every 5-8 weeks
Collaborative work is not encouraged	Collaborative work is necessary
Cost of education is free	Tuition and book costs are paid by student and/or parent
Student does not apply for financial aid	Student must apply for financial aid
School creates social and cultural activities	Student must find organization and activities of interest
Student can remain in school despite poor academic performance	Students can be dropped from college because of poor academic performance
Students can be suspended for disobeying rules and regulations	Students can be dismissed from college for disregarding rules and regulations

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