HIGH SCHOOL ≠ COLLEGE What's the Difference?

Parents and teachers help you prioritize your responsibilities and remind you about assignments. High school teachers also may approach you if they feel you need help.

You go from class to class for between 6 and 8 hours a day, 5 days a week. This puts you in class for a minimum of 30 hours a week.

You might not have to study very often for high school courses, and you may be able to do many assignments last-minute and still receive a good grade.

Teachers write info on the board or show you presentations with the material. They may even give you notes and you can review them once or twice or rely on listening to lectures for good grades.

Attendance is closely monitored and almost always required in high school. If a teacher is absent, a substitute is sent in to continue the class.

Tests are frequent and cover small amounts of material. They may also be rearranged to avoid conflicts with events (pep rallies, homecoming, etc.)

Low initial test grades may not affect your final grade. You may even be able to complete the year with a high average because of good homework or extra credit, even with low test scores.

You are responsible for remember assignment due dates and prioritizing your responsibilities. Professors may reach out, but it is typically understood that you must initiate contact if you need help.

You set your own schedule, so you may have an hour or more between classes or none at all on certain days. Class times vary and you're in class for a minimum of 12 hours a week.

Most professors will say you need to study at least 2-3 hours a day for each class. This may not always be the case, but you'll need to study more and it may take longer to complete your assignments.

Professors don't always follow the textbook and many expect you to write your own notes based on lectures. Good note-taking is a MUST, and reviewing regularly is necessary to do well.

Attendance may not be required, but professors may use it to evaluate participation in class.

Not attending class could result in failure. If the professor is out, class is likely cancelled.

Testing may be infrequent and often cumulative, covering more information. Some courses may only have 2-3 per semester. Schedules are also set in advance and are not likely to reschedule for events.

Exams and assignments are a majority of your grade. The first exams will give you an idea of what to expect and likey count for a large portion of your grade. Extra credit is not always available and may not significantly increase your average.

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