

# High School vs. College

While success in high school and college both require hard work, organization, and time management, there are a number of differences between the two. Here are some of them.

## High School

High school is mandatory and it's usually free.

You have classes one right after the other for 6-7 hours a day, Monday-Friday.

Your days are scheduled and organized by others.

Your classes usually have 30 students or fewer.

Your course selection is limited and your schedule is arranged for you.

## College

Attending college is your choice and it is not free.

You may have big gaps between classes. On some days, you may not have any classes.

You organize your days and manage your own time.

Your classes can be small or very large.

You have a wide variety of courses to choose from and you arrange your own schedule.

## High School

You have homework, but most of your learning is done in class.

Teachers know when you're absent and usually provide you with makeup work.

Teachers keep track of your attendance carefully.

Teachers will often approach you about a low grade or a concern they may have.

Homework grades are likely a large part of your final grade.

You can talk to your teachers before or after class.

## College

For each hour in class, you are expected to spend 2–3 hours studying on your own.

It's up to you to find out what you missed, and to get copies of notes from a classmate.

Some professors take attendance and many do not.

Professors usually don't seek you out to ask if you need help. It's up to you to ask for it.

Your final grades depend heavily on major papers, tests, and exams.

Professors have office hours and request that you talk to them then.

If you have any questions about college, talk to your counselor. For more information on four-year colleges, watch this quick video!

