



How is college different than high school?

High School	College
Parents have access to school records, and can speak with teachers or staff about how a student is doing in class.	Parents cannot talk with the college staff or faculty about a student's grades or other information, unless the student completes a FERPA Release form.
Make up exams or even the ability to retake tests for a better grade are often allowed	Makeup exams are seldom an option unless you request it from faculty. Retaking exams for a better grade is not an option
Teachers will remind the student of missing work or offer assistance	Students are expected to initiate contact if they need help and to keep track of their assignment due dates.
Teachers provide you with missed information if you are absent.	You are expected to get notes from classmates for missed classes and to contact faculty for missed assignments
Teachers write notes on the board that you need to copy into your notes.	Students are expected to identify and take notes on any important points during a lecture.
You can study in class or study hall and may not have much homework.	On average, students spend at least three hours per credit each week studying outside of class hours.
Parents can help a student advocate for themselves	A student is expected to advocate for themselves
A student's time and assignments are structured by others.	Students must manage their own time and complete most assignments independently.
Students are expected to read short assignments that are then discussed and often re-taught in class.	Students are assigned substantial amounts of reading and writing which may not be directly addressed in class.
Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material.	Testing is usually infrequent and many be cumulative, covering large amounts of material.
School districts are responsible for identifying a student's disability and providing services, which include personal.	Students must identify themselves to the college office of disability to receive services. College level does not provide personal services.
The school year is 36 weeks and some classes may extend more than one term.	At COS, the academic year is divided into two, 16 week terms, with some intersessions in winter and summer. Classes and schedules change each term.
Classes, supplies, and textbooks are free.	Students pay for classes, some supplies, and textbooks if required for a class. Also financial aid used to pay for college classes, can be impacted by low grades.
Grades received are for high school.	Grades in college can stay with you as you graduate, apply to transfer, and apply to careers in your field of study.

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