



Differences Between High School and College, Part 1

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INTRODUCTION



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Quick Poll



What are your reasons for joining us tonight?

1. I have nothing better to do
2. Want to take a break from holiday shopping
3. I want to know more about the differences between high school and college
4. I want to be able to help my student navigate their college experience

Learning Outcomes



As a result of attending this webinar, attendees will:

- Identify at least three key differences between high school and college.
- Help their student understand the role of academic advisors.
- Help their student keep track of their academic progress.

AGENDA



Differences between High School and College:

- Teachers vs Professors
- Classroom Management
- Attendance Policies
- Scheduling
- Counselors vs Academic Advisors
- Grading/Exams
- Future Webinars
- Q&A

Quick Poll



Please post in the Chat if there are any other topics you would like for us to discuss tonight (or in the future).

High School Teachers vs College Professors

"It's not my job to teach you anything, it's my job to give you feedback and provide opportunities to gain feedback."



K-12 Teachers

- Execute a pre-approved curriculum
- Teach background information
- Focus on classroom management
- Implement an IEP when notified by the school





Professors

- Create their own curriculum
- Assign readings or prerequisite classes to cover background information
- Establish protocols in their syllabus
- Execute college-initiated accommodations once the student provides an official letter



Teachers

- Executes a pre-approved curriculum
- Teaches background information
- Focuses on classroom management
- Implements an IE when notified by the school

- Support student learning
- Can be reached outside of class

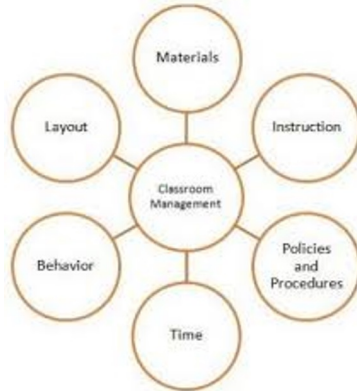
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High School Expectations vs. College Expectations

High School Classroom Management

- School system determines classroom management
- “Every Student Succeeds Act” (ESSA)



College Classroom Management

Faculty Members decide:

- How to manage their classroom
- How flexible (or not) they wish to be.

College Policies:

- Violations may be referred to the Conduct system, even for students who receive accommodations. Students are expected to adhere to the Student Code of Conduct.

High School Expectations vs. College Expectations

High School Attendance	College Attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Attendance: Low impact● Excused absences● If a student misses class, teacher is likely to give them the material they missed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Different attendance policies for each class.● Student responsibility for knowing policies.● No “excused absences”; just absences● Student can fail a course due to absenteeism.● Different professors have different expectations for how a student gets missed content.



High School Expectations vs. College Expectations



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High School Graduation Requirements/Schedules	College Graduation/Major Requirements/Schedules
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students not expected to know what classes they need to graduate.• Schedules usually made for them by counselors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students expected to know/keep track of graduation/major requirements• Students work with their advisors to plan their course sequence.

School Counselors vs Academic Advisors

High School Counselors

- Provides academic, emotional, & psychological support
- Schedule meetings with students



College Academic Advisor

- Provides academic planning and career development
- Experts in a given discipline/field of study
- Help students define goals, create an academic path
- Students usually initiate appointments

Academic Advising



- Get help on your degree plan
- Choose a major and career
- Find support for your academic career
- Register for your courses
- Prepare for graduation
- Get engaged on campus
- Explore campus resources

High School Expectations vs. College Expectations

High School Grading/Exams	College Grading/Exams
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hard to fail classes● Given endless chances to turn in work● Reschedule exams● Teachers work with students and parents to get student back on track	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Can earn 0s / fail classes● Student must refer to the syllabus for deadlines● Limited ability to reschedule exams● Student is responsible for staying on track



SMCM Grades

“FN”: F due to excessive absences

“I”: Incomplete

“IP”: In Progress (especially for SMPs)

Repeat Courses

Retaking Courses with Caveats

Passing Grades: C vs C- vs D

How Students Get Their Grades



Future Webinars

Tuesday, 1/14/25 at 7 PM:

Differences Between High School & College, Part 2

Course sequencing, course pacing, due dates

Join Zoom Meeting

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Future Webinars

Tuesday, 2/11/25 at 7 PM

The Student Life Cycle/Honors College Promise: Internships, Graduate Programs, Fellowships, Study Abroad, etc.

Tuesday, 3/4/25 at 7PM

Help Your Student Become an Independent Adult, Part 1

Tuesday, 4/8/25 at 7 PM

Help Your Student Become an Independent Adult, Part 2





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