

As we near the start of the fall semester, these next few weeks are crucial to the preparation of a successful college start. Here are some differences between high school and college to keep in mind and discuss as a family before the start of the fall semester:

Differences between high school and college

Topic	In High School	In College
Time Management	A student's day is usually composed of back-to-back classes with little to no free time in between classes.	Class schedules vary and there may be periods of time, including full days, when students do not have to attend class. Though a class may not be on the student's schedule, the time outside of class should be dedicated to preparing for class or reviewing previous class notes.
Resources & Support Services	Students may access resources by going to one designated high school person.	Multiple offices exist dedicated to the different resources students need to succeed in college. It is advisable that you make time to map out the resources available to you on your college campus. Some of these offices include but are not limited to the learning or tutoring center, academic advising, student activities, counseling services, and financial aid.
High School Teachers vs. College Professors	High school teachers deliver content in engaging ways that ensures students learn the material. They are primarily responsible for student learning.	College professors may lecture for long periods of time, and students, not professors, are responsible for their own learning.
Following The Rules vs. Choosing Responsibility	Classes are small in size and attendance is required. Rules are enforced by teachers and staff.	Classes may not be small in size, and attendance is not always taken in a college class. Students are responsible for learning the processes and procedures on their own and choosing responsibility for following those. It is advisable that students read and understand the class syllabus to ensure they are meeting class expectations.

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