

# My List of Differences



Generate your own list of the differences between high school and college. Then, circle the differences that you think will be the most challenging for you. Be ready to discuss why you feel that way.

**High School**

**College**

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**How are high school and college the same?**

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# HIGH SCHOOL VERSUS COLLEGE

High School	College
You live at home.	You live away from home with strangers.
School is paid for by tax dollars.	You pay or apply for financial aid.
Reminders to complete work are given by teachers and family.	You get no reminders to do homework.
Often there is no syllabus of the class.	Every course has a syllabus to follow.
Others discipline you.	You discipline yourself.
Classes meet everyday.	Classes meet on alternate days.
Rent and food are free at home.	You must pay for dorms/meal plans.
You only have to schedule yourself for school and maybe a part-time job.	You may have more responsibilities: work, family, children, school.
Requirements/timelines are set for you to meet graduation/credits.	You need to set/plan your own timeline. The longer you remain undecided, the more time and money school costs.
Teachers repeat information over and over.	You must listen closely because teachers move fast and don't repeat.
Students are all about the same age.	Classmates are from broad age ranges.
School is mandatory up to a certain age.	School is voluntary. If you don't show up, no one looks for you.
You are expected to attend each class everyday.	You may not be expected to attend classes regularly as long as you show up to take tests and turn in assignments.
Studying can be done at home or at school.	You must find your own place to study. The dorm can be noisy.
Books are given out, but you must not write in them.	You buy books and are encouraged to write in them and highlight important facts.
Help finds you...you are sought out if you are in trouble.	You must seek out academic assistance if you need it.
You have fewer obligations.	Studying is worked into family life, children, and work. Often you study at home.
Students are more competitive with each other.	The only competition is what you set up for yourself.
You are one in the crowd.	You are unique. You may influence many by the path you take to go to college.