

The Differences between High School and College

In High School	In College
You went to school for a set time without breaks – except lunch.	<p>You will go to class at various times during the day and evening with breaks between classes.</p> <p><i>College students find that the time between classes is good for studying, eating, doing laundry, work, etc.</i></p>
You may have attended the same classes every day.	<p>Classes are usually held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday (MWF) or Tuesday and Thursday (TR).</p>
Your teachers told you about all of your assignments and may have reminded you frequently of them.	<p>You will be given a syllabus that has all of your due dates on them, and you are expected to turn in assignments without being told by the professor.</p>
Attendance was mandatory for all classes.	<p>Each class will have an attendance policy that you need to be read in the syllabus.</p> <p><i>It is important to find out the attendance policy for each class. You don't want to be dropped from a course for missing too many classes (WA).</i></p>
Teachers were the only place you could go to for extra help or tutoring.	<p>Faculty can help you during office hours, but you also have the Center for Student Learning (CSL) as a resource.</p> <p><i>The CSL is located in the library on the first floor – math lab, writing lab, speaking lab, study skill seminars and tutors – cost included in tuition</i></p>
You may have had little control over your course schedule.	<p>You can create your schedule based on classes that interest you, are for your major and/or general education requirements.</p> <p><i>Electives are a great way to “try out” different types of classes that count as hours required for graduation and help you determine a major, minor or concentration.</i></p>
Notes were sent home, information was put on the board, and announcements were made over the intercom.	<p>Information is sent to you through your CofC e-mail. You can forward it to your personal account – not Yahoo, though – but remember that professors and staff won't respond to personal e-mail addresses.</p>
You may have had your own room.	<p>You have roommates and possibly a smaller room. Talk to your roommates and make decisions about room cleaning, food sharing, noise, etc and set up a roommate contract.</p>
You saw the same people all the time for years.	<p>There are always new people to meet through class, student organizations and events.</p>
You may have needed to be reminded of things like – keeping your schedule, doing your laundry, making appointments, keeping your curfew.	<p>You are your only reminder and you have a lot of freedom, but also responsibilities. If you have trouble remembering your schedule, use a planner.</p> <p><i>If you have problems, questions or concerns, it is your responsibility to contact faculty and staff or use campus services to resolve them.</i></p>