

Differences in High School and College: **DEPENDENCE** vs. **INDEPENDENCE**

Secondary School	Higher Education
School year is from September to June	School year is August-December, January-May
The main office exists as the center of activity for school.	Students are responsible to know where to locate information, assistance and tutorial support.
Rigid schedule with constant supervision	Greater flexibility of scheduling; little supervision.
Classes meet daily.	Classes meet 1, 2, 3 or 4 times a week.
Attendance is taken.	Attendance policies at discretion of instructor/college.
Guidance counselors or other staff schedule support services for students	Students connect with Disability Services staff to arrange classroom and testing support services. Students may need to apply to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for additional services and adaptive equipment.
Someone is available to help plan study time (teachers, SPED, counselors, parents)	Student responsible for setting and following through on all scheduling and study time.
Classes generally held in one building.	Classes are held at many different sites on campus
Average class is 35 - 45 minutes	Class times vary from 50 minutes - 4 hours
Daily contact with teachers and support staff	Classes meet less frequently, impacting access to instructors and assistance.
Parent permission required (until 18 years).	College staff responds to concerns raised by Student. Student is an adult with all decision making authority. Parent permission not required.
Students generally live at home and have family financial support.	Students are responsible for housing, transportation, tuition, books and supplies.

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