

THE DIFFERENCES HIGH SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE

INSTRUCTORS	
IN HIGH SCHOOL...	IN COLLEGE...
Teachers check your completed homework.	Professors may not always check completed homework or even collect it, but they will assume you can perform the same tasks on tests.
Teachers remind you of your incomplete work.	Professors may not remind you of incomplete work.
Teachers approach you if they believe you need help or tutoring.	Professors are usually open and helpful, but most expect you to ask for help or tutoring.
Teachers are often available for conversation before, during, or after class.	Professors want and expect you to attend their scheduled office hours.
Teachers have been trained in teaching methods to assist imparting knowledge.	Professors have been trained in experts in their particular area of specialization.
Teachers provide you with information you missed when you were absent.	Professors expect you to get from classmates any notes from classes you missed.
Teachers present material to help you understand the material in the textbook.	Professors may not follow the textbook. Instead, they may give illustrations, provide background information, or discuss research about the topic you are studying. Or, they may expect <i>you</i> to relate the classes to the textbook readings.
Teachers often write information on the board to be copied into your notes.	Professors may lecture nonstop, expecting you to identify the important points in your notes. When professors write on the board it may be to amplify the lecture, not to summarize it. Good notes, and, therefore, good attendance, are a must.
Teachers communicate knowledge and facts, sometimes drawing direct connections and leading you through the thinking process.	Professors expect <i>you</i> to think about and synthesize (put together) seemingly unrelated topics.
Teachers often take time to remind you of assignments and due dates.	Professors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus (outline); the syllabus spells out exactly what is expected of you, when it's due, and how you will be graded.

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