

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
Mandatory to attend.	Voluntary to attend.
Mail is addressed to your parents who read it and tell you what you need to do.	Most information will not be mailed. The college will communicate with you through your college Buccaneer email. You are responsible for the information that is sent. Check your account often, deadlines may be involved.
Classes are five days a week at set times.	Register early. You can choose a class schedule that is convenient for you.
You spend 30 hours per week in class.	Full-time students spend 10 to 15 hours per week in class; although you are expected to spend a comparable amount of time outside of class studying and doing homework.
School year is divided into four marking periods.	Academic year is divided into two separate 16-week semesters. You choose a different set of courses each semester. There are also accelerated winter and summer sessions.
Teachers are required to monitor attendance.	Professors may or may not take attendance.
You are provided with textbooks.	You must purchase or rent textbooks.
Local taxes pay for you to attend high school.	You must pay for college or apply for financial aid.
Graduation requirements are monitored by the Guidance Office.	Graduation requirements will vary depending upon your degree program. You are responsible for registering for the correct courses to complete your degree program; however, counselors and/or advisors are available to assist with this process. It is recommended that you apply for a graduation audit through WebAdvisor once you complete 45 credits to assure you are taking the correct courses for your degree program.
Teachers check your homework.	It is your responsibility to complete your assignments. Homework may not be checked or collected.
Teachers remind you of upcoming due dates for homework, quizzes or tests.	You are expected to follow the course syllabus which will list course requirements and important dates. There may not be any other reminders.
Teachers consider many factors including "extra" credit to determine a final grade. Effort counts.	Your grade is based on performance. Extra credit may not be offered. All students are expected to put forth effort and attend classes, this may not be considered in grading.
The school will discuss your academic records with your parents.	The college will only discuss your academic records with you.
Grades/transcripts are mailed to your home each marking period.	Grades/transcripts are not mailed. Your grades can be viewed by logging into your WebAdvisor account.