

High School & College

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Differences: In College

- Students responsible for progress
- Classes meet less
- Instruction by lecture and note taking
- Course is 16 weeks or less
- 2 or 3 tests may determine final grade
- Professors expect more
- Students manage responsibilities and commitments

High School

- Identify and accommodate students' needs
- Parents/guardians make decisions
- Student responsibility:
 - Attend
 - Do what they are told
 - Follow rules

College

- Inform students of rights, responsibilities
- Maintain confidential student records
- Provide reasonable access to programs/services
- Accept impairment that causes substantial limitation
- Make reasonable accommodations based on qualifying criteria

College NOT Required

- Reduce or adjust essential requirements of course/program
- Identify or test for exceptional needs
- Supervise students

Student Responsibility

- Meet college's qualifications and essential technical, academic institutional standards
- Meet community standards, code of academic integrity
- Act as independent adult
- Advocate for learning needs
- Utilize appropriate services when offered
- Accept responsibility for outcomes

Self Advocacy

- Results starts with:
 - Self-understanding
 - Appropriate accommodations
- Understand needs
 - Identify appropriate people, discuss needs
 - Be reasonable, clear, concise, persistent, confident, assertive

Want to Learn More?

Tips & Tricks for First Year Students

<http://www.smu.edu/alec/tips.html>

- For some, understanding and accepting the differences between high school and college will be the difference between success and failure
- This site has ideas to help