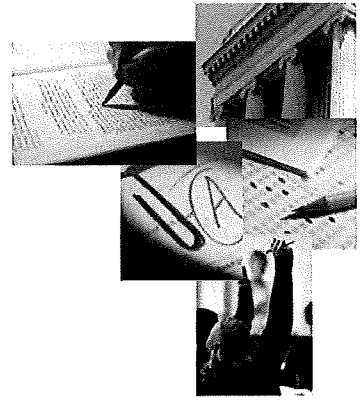


High School or PSEO: Important Differences to Consider



High School

- ♦ High school is mandatory
- ♦ Your time is structured by others
- ♦ Parents and teachers remind you of responsibilities and help set priorities
- ♦ Most classes are arranged for you
- ♦ The school year is typically 36 weeks long
- ♦ You may study about 0-2 hours/week, typically for last-minute test prep
- ♦ You are typically told what you need to learn from assigned readings
- ♦ Teachers check your completed work
- ♦ Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance
- ♦ Teachers are often available before, during, or after class
- ♦ Teachers often remind you of assignments and due dates
- ♦ Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material
- ♦ Teachers often arrange test dates to avoid conflict with school events
- ♦ Grades are given for most assigned work
- ♦ Grades are based on homework and tests
- ♦ Courses typically reward a "good faith" effort

College

- ♦ College is voluntary
- ♦ YOU manage your own time
- ♦ YOU balance responsibilities and set priorities
- ♦ You arrange your schedule
- ♦ The school year has two semesters
- ♦ You need to study 2-3 hours for each hour in class, including a lot of individual reading
- ♦ Lectures/assignments assume you have read/understand the assigned material
- ♦ Homework is not always checked, but it's assumed you can do similar tasks on tests
- ♦ Professors typically expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance
- ♦ Professors usually want you to attend their scheduled office hours
- ♦ Professors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus for due dates
- ♦ Testing is often infrequent and cumulative, covering large amounts of material
- ♦ Tests are scheduled without regard for other classes and outside activities
- ♦ Some required assignments aren't graded
- ♦ Most grades are based on tests and papers
- ♦ While "good faith" is important, it won't typically change the grade you earned