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| **PERSONAL FREEDOM IN HIGH**  **SCHOOL** | **PERSONAL FREEDOM IN COLLEGE** |
| High school is mandatory and free. | College is voluntary and expensive. |
| Your time is strictly structured by others. | You manage your own time. |
| You need permission to participate in extracurricular activities. | You must decide whether to participate in extracurricular activities. |
| You need money for special purchases and events. | You need money for basic necessities. |
| You can count on parents & teachers to remind you of your responsibilities and guide you in setting priorities. | You must face many moral & ethical decisions you have not had to face before; you must balance your responsibilities and set priorities. |
| You will usually be corrected if your behavior is inappropriate. | You’re expected to take responsibility for your actions and to face the consequences of your decisions. |
| **HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES** | **COLLEGE CLASSES** |
| Daily you proceed from one class directly to another. | You often have hours between classes; class times vary throughout the day and evening. |
| You spend 6 hours daily (30 hours weekly) in class. | You spend 12-15 hours a week in class (if you’re a full-time student). |
| The school year is 36 weeks long; some classes last two semesters; some do not. | The academic year is divided into two 16-week semesters, plus a week of exams at the end of each term. |
| Most of your classes are arranged for you. | You arrange your own schedule with help of academic advisor. Schedules may look lighter than they really are!!! |
| Teachers carefully monitor class attendance. | Professors may not formally take attendance, but they are aware of who attends. |
| Classes usually have no more than 35 students. | Classes may be much larger than 35 students. |
| You are provided textbooks at little or no cost. | You need to budget substantial funds for textbooks (possibly several hundred dollars per term). |
| You aren’t responsible for knowing what it takes to graduate. | Graduation requirements are complex and differ for different majors. You need to know requirements that apply to you & monitor your progress towards meeting them. |
| **HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS** | **COLLEGE PROFESSORS** |
| Teachers check your completed homework. | Professors may not always check homework, but 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 think you need help. | Professors are usually helpful, but most expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance. |
| Teachers are often available for conversation before and after class. | Professors expect and want you to come to their offices during scheduled office hours. |
| Teachers have been trained in teaching methods to assist in imparting knowledge to students. | Professors have been trained as experts in their particular fields. |
| Teachers provide you with information you missed when you were absent. | Professors expect you to get information and notes you missed from classmates. |
| Teachers present material to help you understand the textbook. | Professors may not follow the textbook. Instead, they give illustrations and background information; they expect you to relate the class lectures to the textbook readings. |
| Teachers often write information on the board to be copied into notes. | Professors may lecture nonstop, expecting you to identify the important points in your notes. Good notes matter! |
| Teachers provide knowledge & facts, sometimes leading you through the thinking process. | Professors expect you to think about & synthesize 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 to see what is expected, when work is due, and how you will be graded. |