

## Differences in High School and College: DEPENDENCE vs. INDEPENDENCE

<b>Secondary School</b>	<b>Higher Education</b>
School year is September to June	School year is August-December, January-May
The main office exists as the center of activity for school.	Students are responsible to know where to locate information, assistance, study support
Rigid schedule with constant supervision	Greater flexibility of scheduling
Classes meet daily	Classes meet weekly not daily
Attendance is taken	Attendance policies are at discretion of instructor
Guidance counselors or other staff schedule support services for students	Students connect with disability services staff to arrange support services Office of Accessibility (Main campus) Academic Enrichment Center (Health Science campus)
Someone is available to help plan study time (teachers, SPED, parents)	Student responsible for setting and following through on all scheduling and study time
Classes generally held in one building	Classes are held at many different sites on campus
Average class is 35 - 45 minutes	Class times vary from 50 minutes - 4 hours
Daily contact w/teachers and support staff	Classes meet less frequently, impacting access to instructors and assistance
School responds to parent concerns; parent permission required (until 18 years)	Student is an adult with all decision making authority; Parental contact is not permissible without a signed release on file (FERPA)
Students generally live at home	Students are responsible for housing, transportation, finances, etc.
Most learning is in the classroom with minimal homework and study outside the classroom	"12 to 15 hours a week professors teach and the rest of the learning is on your own."