

## **Differences Between High School and College**

- ~ College classes are larger and longer.
- ~ College classes do not meet every day.
- ~ College tests are less frequent.
- ~ Students do more writing on college.
- ~ There is less monitoring and oversight of student progress.
- ~ There is less control of student behavior.
- ~ There are more curricular choices.
- ~ The high school peer culture discourages out-of-class student/faculty interaction.
- ~ College professors and students have more academic freedom.
- ~ High school teachers do not generally have “office hours.” They also have less privacy to confer with students.
- ~ High school education is more “textbook focused.” Greater value is placed on the unquestioned acceptance of the printed word.
- ~ High school education emphasizes the acquisition of facts with very little acceptance or tolerance for ambiguity. The focus is on transmitting existing knowledge.
- ~ In college, the faculty is more likely to create and transmit original knowledge and research.
- ~ High school students have much less personal freedom. ( Even bathroom breaks are controlled.)
- ~ College students have a greater quantity of work, both in-class and out- of- class assignments.
- ~ There are no study halls in college.
- ~ College students often live away from home.