

# High School

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# College

Parents and teachers are there to remind you of responsibilities such as papers and reading assignments and to help you set priorities.

You are solely responsible for keeping track of assignments, setting priorities, and managing your time. You may face moral and ethical decisions you have never faced before.

Counselors schedule your classes back-to-back to fit within a structured school day.

Academic advisors can guide you but do not register you for courses. You will be responsible for scheduling your courses. Course times vary through the day and/or evening. Course locations vary from campus to campus.

Study time outside class may be minimum such as 0 to 2 hours per week, and this might be mostly last-minute preparation.

You will need to study at least 2 to 3 hours outside of class for each hour in class. Last minute preparation will not suffice.

Reading texts and notes one time is often adequate. For some, listening in class is enough.

You will need to review course notes and materials often. Test preparation will require multiple reviews of the material. You may also need to use college resources, such as the Library or Academic Success Center.

Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance with the class.

You are responsible for initiating contact with your instructor. Asking questions is expected. The Academic Success Center is available if you need assistance.

Teachers identify which information is important and provide additional examples and exercises to help students grasp the material.

You will have to think critically about your work. Instructors might lecture nonstop, expecting you to identify the important points in your notes. Good note-taking is key to being successful.

Teachers monitor class attendance.

You are responsible for your own attendance. Instructors may not formally take roll but will know if you attended or not. Attendance is key to being successful on assignments, exams, and in the course.

Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of class material.

Testing is less frequent and will cover larger amounts of course material. Testing may make up a large percentage of your grade.

Teachers may rearrange test dates or assignments to avoid a conflict with school events.

You are responsible for balancing school and your personal life. You may have multiple tests for various courses on the same day or same week.

Teachers give regular homework assignments and/or extra credit assignments that help raise your overall grade.

You cannot expect to receive homework and/or extra credit assignments to make up grades. Late work may or may not be accepted. Please refer to the course syllabus regarding grading.

Initial test grades, especially low ones, might not have an adverse effect on your final grade.

You need to prepare adequately for the first test in each course. They are "wake-up calls" to let you know what is expected and usually account for a large portion of your grade.