

Differences Between High School and College		
Area	High School	College
Personal freedom	Less freedom – closed campus, living at home with parents	More freedom-open campus, living on your own
Structure	More structure – have classes all day long	Less structure – student sets up schedule
Teachers	Frequent contact – may see teachers every day	Less frequent contact – may only see instructor one to three times a week
Study time	May be able to get studying done in a study hall or spend minimal time outside of class on studying	More rigorous demands with more readings and independent work May need to study two hours for every hour you are in class
Tests	More frequent tests on less material	May have only a few tests a semester Tests may cover many chapters or be cumulative
Grades	Total grade for the class may be based on many grades	Total grade for the course may be based on only a few grades
Legal protection	IDEA: entitled to services through a Free and Appropriate Education	ADA: must be eligible for services; Reasonable accommodations
Special education classes	Classes are specifically for students with disabilities or curriculum is modified in regular education classes	Classes include students with and without disabilities, there is no modification to the curriculum Some colleges may offer specialized programs, but could involve additional fees
Documentation	School evaluates the student and provides the student with documentation	Student must provide the college with updated documentation of the disability to receive accommodations
Advocating	Teacher and parent advocate for services	Student must advocate for accommodations and services
Receiving accommodations	Accommodations are set up through the IEP process	Student must contact the Accessibility Specialist on campus for their accommodations

Moraine Park Technical College is committed to providing opportunities and equal access to students with disabilities.

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