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Investing in Your Future

Differences Between High School and College

HIGH SCHOOL

- Pre-set schedule
- Limited choice of classes
- Textbooks are typically free or reduced cost
- Class size is roughly 30-40 students
- Very structured environment
- Little studying out of class
- Free (usually)

COLLEGE

- You make your own schedule
- Many different class choices
- Textbooks cost \$\$\$ and can be expensive
- Class size can range from 15-300+
- Less structure and more independence
- Need to find effective study time & time management skills
- Pay tuition & room/board

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HIGH SCHOOL

- Live at home
- Same students as from middle school
- HS teachers read from others textbooks
- Teachers in total control in class
- You have to be in HS
- Attendance is mandatory
- Set bedtime

COLLEGE

- Live on campus with strangers
- Possibly all new students
- College professors recite from texts they wrote
- Teachers expect to be challenged in class
- You choose to be in college
- Attendance is voluntary
- Go to bed whenever you choose

Preparing for College

- Challenge Yourself with College Prep Coursework (don't slack off)
- Take courses appropriate to the type of college and program you want to pursue
- Start College Search Early (this year)
- Utilize Your Existing Resources (Teachers, Counselors, etc.)

Preparing for College

- Get Involved in Extracurricular Activities (Sports, Clubs, Volunteer, etc.)
- Look for ways to stand out from others
- Set Short-term Goals
- Be on the Lookout for Scholarships

Tips for Success in College?

- Manage your time effectively
- Take control of your own academic career
- Find out about professors before you enroll in classes
- Go to class
- Adjust your attention span to college schedule
- Really study often and effectively
- Learn about and use campus resources

Tips for Success in College?

- Answer the questions you are asked in class directly
- Take each exam three times
- Connect with your instructors
- Don't declare your major too soon
- Pursue your passions – not someone else's

Which Route is Best for You?

- 4-Year College or University
VSU, UGA, UF, GA Tech, etc.
- 2-Year College
Junior College or Community College
- Technical or Trade School
Wiregrass, Culinary School, etc.
- Military
Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard