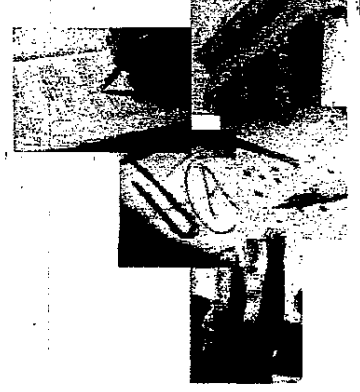


High School or PSEO: Important Differences to Consider



High School

- High school is mandatory
- Your time is structured by others
- Parents and teachers remind you of responsibilities and help set priorities
- Most classes are arranged for you
- The school year is typically 36 weeks long
- You may study about 0-2 hours/week, typically for last-minute test prep
- You are typically told what you need to learn from assigned readings
- Teachers check your completed work
- Teachers approach you if they believe you need assistance
- Teachers are often available before, during, or after class
- Teachers often remind you of assignments and due dates
- Testing is frequent and covers small amounts of material
- Teachers often arrange test dates to avoid conflict with school events
- Grades are given for most assigned work
- Grades are based on homework and tests
- Courses typically reward a "good faith" effort

College

- College is voluntary
- YOU manage your own time
- YOU balance responsibilities and set priorities
- You arrange your schedule
- The school year has two semesters
- You need to study 2-3 hours for each hour in class, including a lot of individual reading
- Lectures/assignments assume you have read/understand the assigned material
- Homework is not always checked, but it's assumed you can do similar tasks on tests
- Professors typically expect you to initiate contact if you need assistance
- Professors usually want you to attend their scheduled office hours
- Professors expect you to read, save, and consult the course syllabus for due dates
- Testing is often infrequent and cumulative, covering large amounts of material
- Tests are scheduled without regard for other classes and outside activities
- Some required assignments aren't graded
- Most grades are based on tests and papers
- While "good faith" is important, it won't typically change the grade you earned