



Planning the Post-secondary Options

Special Kids, Special Needs

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Differences between High School and College

| HIGH SCHOOL | COLLEGE |
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| Right by law to attend | No given right |
| Many tests & quizzes | Fewer tests quizzes |
| Extra-credit work | Extra-credit work rare |
| Allowed retakes & redos | Retakes & redos rarely allowed |
| Teachers discuss test materials | Test materials are rarely discussed |
| Instruction modes are varied | Instruction is predominantly lecture |

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| Teachers reach out to students | Students must approach teachers |
| Assignments are structured | Assignments are less structured |
| Credit is normally given for motivation | Grades are normally based upon work produced |
| Teachers are trained to teach | Professors are not trained as teachers |
| Student progress is monitored | Students monitor their own progress |
| Attendance is mandatory | Attendance not a factor |

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| Family & faculty available | Support system is limited |
| Classes last 18 weeks | Classes last 14 weeks |
| Class size is small | Class size is often larger |
| Schools must identify & test for LD | No obligation to test or identify |
| Must evaluate if LD is suspected | No obligation to evaluate |
| Must develop IEP | Students develop their own plan |

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| Must alter courses | Course alterations not required |
| Must provide waivers/ substitutions | No right to fundamental changes |
| Right to due process hearing | May file grievance; no right exists, however. |

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