

CAAS

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HIGH SCHOOL VS. COLLEGE - WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

CLASSES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Most of your classes were predetermined.
- Your class times were structured around the school schedule.
- Your homework included mostly worksheets with some long-term assignments.
- Most of your instruction occurred in the classroom during the school day.
- You were mostly likely asked to memorize material.
- Depending on your teacher, it may have been acceptable to turn in your assignments late.
- You were legally required to go to school.

COLLEGE

- You can take classes to complete a certificate/degree or for fun!
- Your classes are based on credit:
 - Full time = 12 credits or more (three-four classes).
 - Part time = less than 12 hours.
- You will need to study outside the classroom for two hours per credit, as you're typically asked to preread the material for your lecture.
 - Two credit course = Four hours of study time.
 - 12 credit hours = 24 hours of study time.
- There are a variety of options for class days and times, so you can fit classes in when it's convenient for you.
- You will be asked to apply, create and analyze information you learn.
- Late assignments will not be accepted.
- You are expected to show up to class. If you miss more than three classes, most instructors will withdraw you from the course.

COST

- If you went to a public high school, it was considered free.
- Your parents/guardians likely paid for your book rental and other fees.

- The prices at Triton vary and we encourage you to check the admissions website here.
- Remember the cost of books, supplies and fees.
- You are encouraged to apply for financial aid.
 - This must be done every year.
 - Failing and/or withdrawing from classes can jeopardize your financial aid.



There's a place for you.



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SERVICES

HIGH SCHOOL

- Your high school may have offered you options to bring up your grades.
- Your parents advocated for you and negotiated with the school.
- Your parents and the school structured all of your time.
- Teachers were informed of your accommodations, and you had a case manager to make sure you used them.

COLLEGE

- Triton offers a variety of services, but it's up to you to find what works best for you.
 - Triton offers free tutoring for most classes. Instructors have office hours to help you.
 - You can also form your own study group with others from your class.
 - You need to structure your study time so that you don't fall behind.
- When you come to Triton, you will first need to self-identify in the CAAS Office and apply for accommodations. Keep in mind:
 - It takes up to two weeks to activate accommodations.
 - If you have testing accommodations, you will need to schedule your exam.
 - Your accommodations may look different – for example, we are unable to offer shortened assignments here.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

- Your parents attended meetings at your school and advocated for you.
- Your parents were able to communicate with your teachers and other staff at the school.
- Your parents had access to your grades.

- The FERPA privacy law prevents college instructors and staff from talking to parents, so it is your responsibility to keep parents informed.
- Colleges cannot communicate with your parent/guardian unless you have signed a FERPA release.
- CAAS has its own release you must sign for information to be shared with parents.
- You can limit the amount/type of information that is shared.