THE COLLEGE DIFFERENCE

MANAGING TIME

Your routine can change every day as opposed to the daily schedule routine of a high school structured environment. For example, your **class style** may vary, **attendance policies** may be different and your **time management** may change.

BALANCING RESPONSIBILITIES

In high school you have direct support from parent/guardians, but students in CCP will be treated as college students where instructors will not necessarily know if they are CCP or not. For example, students are expected to **initiate contact with instructors**, students follow the **course syllabus** on their own, and **expectations may not be repeated** as regularly in college coursework.

GRADING & ASSIGNMENTS

In high school, grades are given for most assignments and homework. In college, tests and major papers have more weight and may require the student to organize their own study topics. For example, some courses may be **writing-intensive**, testing can cover **large amounts of information**, and **make-up tests may not be an option** in college coursework.

TIME SPENT OUTSIDE OF CLASS

In high school, you may often have time to complete assigned readings in class, but in college, readings are often completed before the session where topics will be discussed. **For every hour spent in a college class, you should plan on about 3 hours of work outside of class.**

RESULTS MATTER

In high school, there are often ways you can improve your grade outside of academic performance, but in college there will be less opportunities like this. For example, **extra credit is rare** and your grade is a direct result of test, project, and paper performance.

TRANSPORTATION
You are responsible for getting to and from campus if taking classes in person.

GPA & TRANSCRIPTS
College classes count towards high school and college GPA. Consider their effect.

SCHOOL DELAYS & CLOSINGS
If your high school closes or delays, you are still responsible for coming to your college classes. Online classes do not "close".