

THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

	High school	College
Obligation or choice	School is compulsory until the age of 16.	Studying at college is a personal choice.
In case of failure	If a failed course is repeated successfully, the failure mark is removed from the report card.	A failure remains on the transcript despite a successful repeat.
Attendance in class	Class attendance is compulsory.	Class attendance is a factor in success. Each department has a policy regarding absences.
School year	The 10-month school year is divided into 3 stages.	The school year consists of two terms of 15 weeks of classes and one week of evaluation each. Some courses are offered in the summer.
Timetable and duration of classes	The timetable is spread over a cycle of more than 5 days. Classes are held between 8 am and 4 pm. They last between 50 and 75 minutes.	Most courses are held between 8 am and 6 pm and are spread over a 5-day cycle. They vary in length from 50 to 180 minutes. There are free periods between courses. Some courses are offered in the evening.
Acquisition of course content	About 80% of the content is presented in class.	About 60% of the content is presented in class.
Workload	The personal workload is low.	The personal workload is significant (more than 16 hours per week). It is determined by the weighting of each course (theory, practice, homework).
Language assessment	Errors related to the written language are only penalised in written work in English classes.	Errors related to the written language are penalised in all subjects. The percentage of points that can be lost is determined by each department.
Academic monitoring platform	An academic monitoring platform is in place so that parents can follow their child's progress.	The Omnivox platform is accessible by the student only. It contains, among other things, the student-teacher environment (LEA), the internal messaging system (MIO), the course schedule, the progression grid, the payment centre, the college report card and the tax forms.