Differences Between High School and College

~ College classes are larger and longer.
~ College classes do not meet every day.
~ College tests are less frequent.
~ Students do more writing on college.
~ There is less monitoring and oversight of student progress.
~ There is less control of student behavior.
~ There are more curricular choices.
~ The high school peer culture discourages out-of-class student/faculty interaction.
~ College professors and students have more academic freedom.
~ High school teachers do not generally have “office hours.” They also have less privacy to confer with students.
~ High school education is more “textbook focused.” Greater value is placed on the unquestioned acceptance of the printed word.
~ High school education emphasizes the acquisition of facts with very little acceptance or tolerance for ambiguity. The focus is on transmitting existing knowledge.
~ In college, the faculty is more likely to create and transmit original knowledge and research.
~ High school students have much less personal freedom. (Even bathroom breaks are controlled.)
~ College students have a greater quantity of work, both in-class and out-of-class assignments.
~ There are no study halls in college.
~ College students often live away from home.