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College 101 for Parents and Family Members

As Deans, we know that you are:

• Excited
• Worried
• Supportive
• Encouraging
• Questioning

What is your role as a parent/family member?
# High School vs. College

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School Structure

**High School**
- Daily or block schedule
- 30+ hours weekly class time
- 0-10 hours weekly study time
- Many smaller assignments
- Time managed by teacher
- Teacher accountability

**College**
- M/W/F or T/H or one day
- 15+ hours weekly class time
- 20-30 hours weekly study time
- A few larger assignments
- Time managed by SELF
- Student accountability
Curriculum in 3 Parts = 120 Total Credits

**Major Courses**
- Student’s primary area of study
- Interrelated classes
- Introductory through advanced courses
- Build knowledge and skills for employment in a specific field

**General Education**
- Common to all students
- Four broad categories
- Flexible course choices
- Soft skills needed in workplace and life

**Electives**
- Open course choices
- Could take:
  - More major courses
  - A second major
  - A minor (or two)
  - Random interesting classes
Academic Success TIPS

• GO TO CLASS
• PAY ATTENTION
• ASK QUESTIONS
• TURN IN THE ASSIGNMENTS
• TAKE THE TESTS

SOUND TOO SIMPLE? THESE FIVE ACTIONS OFTEN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE.
Success Resources

• Professors
• Academic Advisor
• College Dean’s Office
• Center for Academic Success and Achievement
• Writing Center
• Tutoring Services
• Math Lab

• TRIO
• Library
• Registrar’s Office
• Financial Aid
• Student Accounts
• Veteran’s Center
• Women’s Center
• GLBTQ Center
• Dean of Students

• Student Organizations
• Community Assistant
• Counseling Center
• Health & Wellness Center
• Public Safety
• Parents & Family
Free College Credits! [Free Money!]

- ALEKS Math Placement
  - Take it online; enroll in the proper math course

- Foreign Language Placement
  - Take it online; receive additional course credits after earning a C or higher in recommended foreign language course

- AP Credits
  - Contact College Board to send scores to Kutztown

- Dual Credits
  - Contact the college offering the course to send official transcript to Kutztown
Support Your Student

- TALK, text, message, video call, email, handwritten notes
- Grades are important, but what else can you talk about?
- Offer support, but don’t take over
- Respect privacy and keep an open dialogue
- Encourage delegated access
- Remind that persistence is important – don’t give up!
- Check social media for college events and happenings
- Attend campus events
- Read the monthly Parents Bulletin
- Try and try again, like learning to ride a bicycle…