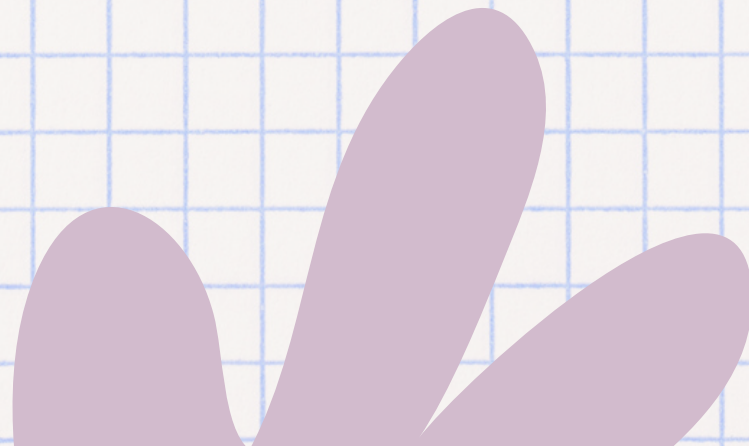
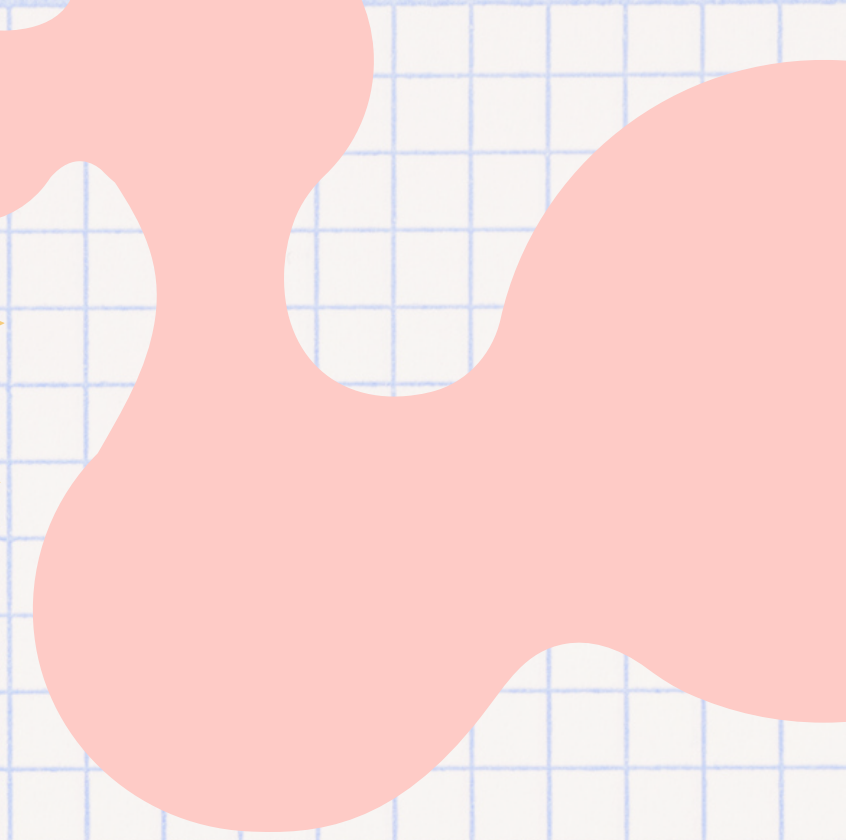
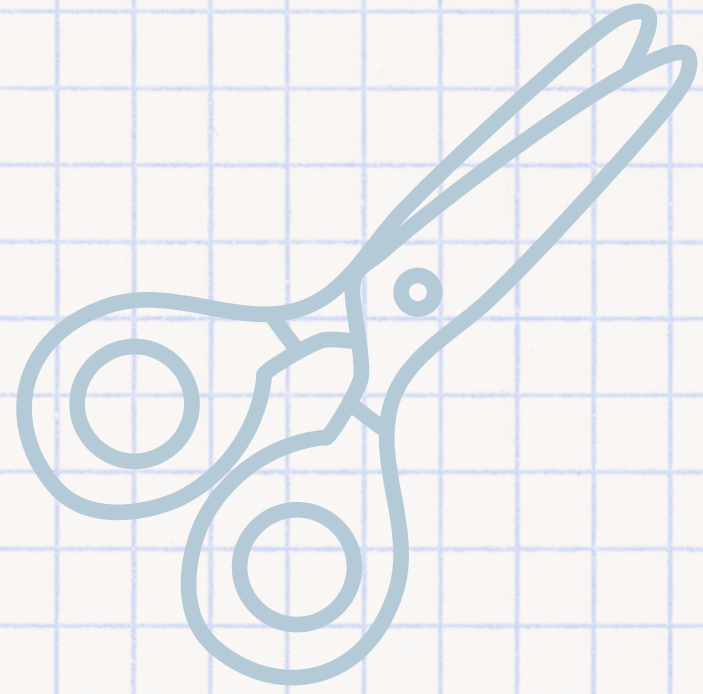


**HOW WILL
COLLEGE
BE DIFFERENT FROM
HIGH SCHOOL?**



Community



In High School You...

- probably interacted with the same cohort of peers across many classes
- may have had a community of friends you knew for a looong time

In COLLEGE You...

- will interact with new and different peers across your different classes
- will have the opportunity (or challenge!) of meeting new people



HOT TIP:

Put yourself out there, meet new people, get their contact info, and stay in touch.



WHY:

Building community makes learning more enjoyable AND, statistically, having community actually makes it more likely you'll graduate!

Teachers



In High School, teachers...

- likely knew your name and got to know you over the course of a year
- likely stay on top of you to make sure you finish the class successfully

In COLLEGE, teachers...

- may never learn your name or get to know you over the semester
- will expect you to stay on top of your studies without their help



HOT TIP:

Stay in communication with your professors if you are absent or fall behind. Visit them during office hours.



WHY:

Communicating with professors enhances your chances of completing classes and could pay off if you need recommendation letters.

Absences



In High School, absences...

- may or may not affect your chances of passing
- may or may not affect your grade

In COLLEGE, absences...

- almost always significantly affect your chances of passing
- almost always will affect your grade (most classes allow for only 4 absences)



HOT TIP:

Try your best to attend all classes for each of your courses. Save allowable absences for urgent situations.



WHY:

While not always the case, missing class means missing important information that will help you succeed in the course.

Homework



In High School, homework...

- may have felt manageable
- is not due every day
- may have been completed in class
- can be turned in late, sometimes even all at once on the last day

In COLLEGE, homework...

- often feels unmanageable
- is often due every day
- is rarely completed in class
- is not often accepted late, and will NOT be accepted all at once on the last day



HOT TIP:

Block out several chunks of time in your week (for each class) to dedicate to completing homework.



WHY:

Without scheduled time each week to do homework, you're more likely to run out of time, fall behind, and face grade penalties.

Time Management



In High School, time management...

- may have felt manageable, with the same hours and schedule each day
- may have been supported by teachers' help and reminders

In COLLEGE, time management...

- often feels unmanageable, often with different hours and schedule each day
- is often NOT supported by teachers' help or reminders and so is up to YOU



HOT TIP:

Using your phone / computer calendar, add your class schedule + homework time + deadlines and set notifications.



WHY:

Having your schedule on your device makes it easy to check it regularly. Setting & receiving notifications will help remind you!

Graduation Timeline



In High School, students often...

- attend full time & don't take breaks
- complete graduation requirements year-by-year, designed by school
- finish with their graduating class

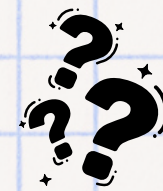
In COLLEGE, students often...

- attend part time or take breaks
- complete requirements based on what courses they take, designed by them
- finish in 5-6 years



HOT TIP:

Meet with an advisor regularly to check that requirements are met. Do not stress if it takes a little longer!



WHY:

It's normal to change majors, take breaks, have to retake classes, etc. It's a myth that most finish in 4 years! So feel no shame!



**What else do you
want to know
about college life?**

**Anyting about
CCNY?**



Did you know?!

Some pretty famous people attended or taught at City College!

Teachers:

- Adrienne Rich – feminist poet and essayist
- June Jordan – author, teacher, activist
- Audre Lorde – author, philosopher, activist

Students:

- Colin Powell – Former Secretary of State
- 10 Nobel Prizes won by CCNY alumni
- Two former NYC mayors were alumni
- Russell Simmons – Def Jam Records
- Vagabon – singer-songwriter, producer

Fun historical facts about City College!

- CUNY's first and still its flagship college
- Mark Twain spoke at unveiling of Shepard Hall & other gothic buildings in 1908
- first free college in the United States
- Black and Puerto Rican student activists organized in late 60's, which led to CCNY becoming the...
- first college to offer open admissions
- more recent student activism includes Occupy Wall Street (2011), Black Lives Matter (2020) and campus encampments tied to the Israel-Palestine conflict (2024)