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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For FIAAA Administrators



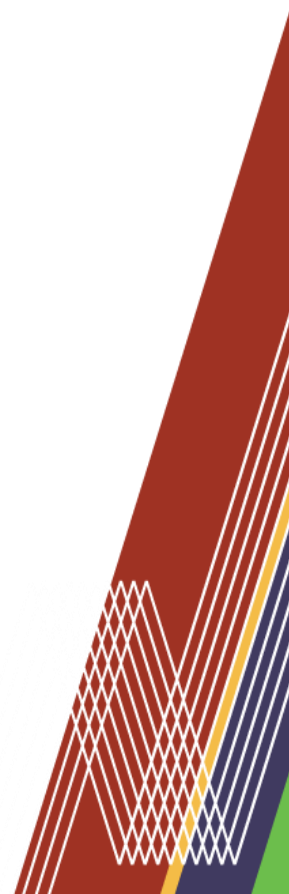
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AGENDA

- » COVID-19 FAQ.
- » NCAA Eligibility Center.
- » Registration.
- » Core Courses.
- » Alternative Standards.
 - Division I.
 - Division II.
- » Distance or E-Learning.
- » Sports Participation.
- » Recruiting.
- » Resources.





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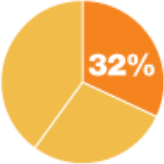





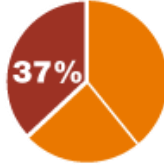



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- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Academic requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.



OUR THREE DIVISIONS

	DIVISION I	DIVISION II	DIVISION III
 NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	350 	300 	432 
 PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION			
 ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available 57% of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model 60% of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid

*Numbers are from 2020-21. This does not include reclassifying, provisional or exploratory schools.

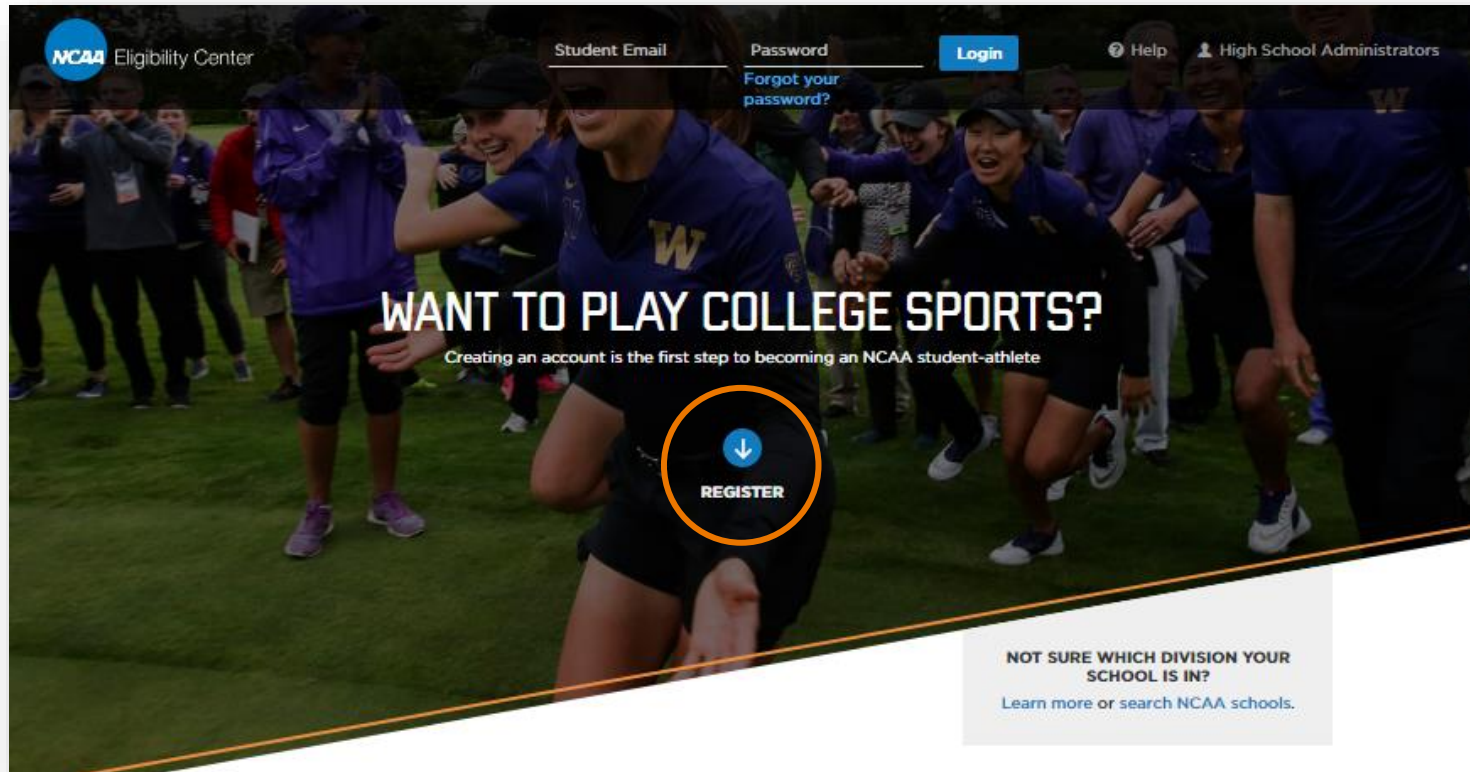


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REGISTRATION

NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the NCAA Eligibility Center website. It includes the 'NCAA Eligibility Center' logo on the left, and links for 'Student Email', 'Password' (with a 'Forgot your password?' link), 'Login', 'Help', and 'High School Administrators' on the right. The main content area features a background image of a group of female athletes in purple and black uniforms on a field. Overlaid on this image is the text 'WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?' in large white letters, followed by the subtext 'Creating an account is the first step to becoming an NCAA student-athlete'. A prominent orange circle with a white downward arrow and the word 'REGISTER' is centered on the page. In the bottom right corner, a white box contains the text 'NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?' and a link 'Learn more or search NCAA schools.'



NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Three Account Types



**Free Profile Page
Account**



**Amateurism-Only
Certification Account**



**Academic
and Amateurism
Certification Account**



FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #1



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division they plan to compete.
- » Domestic students planning to compete at a **Division III school**.
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (**BBCS**, ECAG, AAU).



No registration fee.



Transition to the right **Certification account** at any time.



AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Required for all **international student-athletes** planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:
» \$70.



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who have not previously been certified as an amateur.



ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



Required to compete at a Division I or II school.



Registration fee:

» **Domestic students:** \$100.

» **International students:** \$160.



Required to:

» Go on an **official visit**.

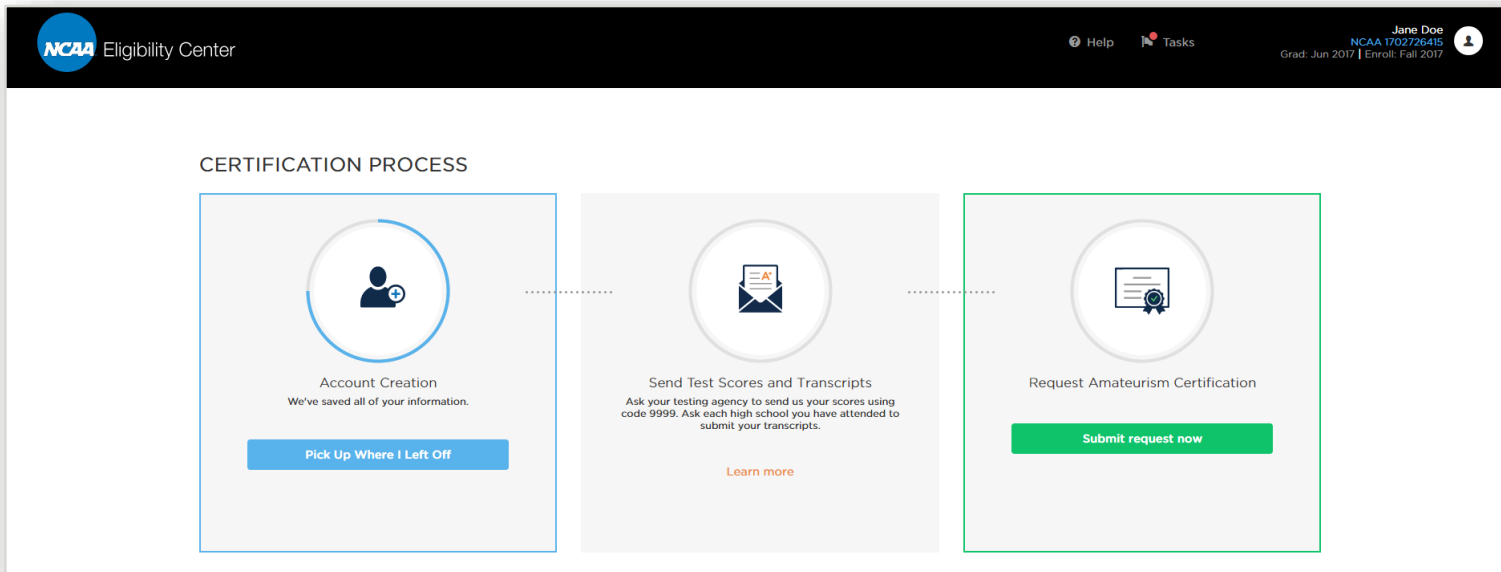
» Sign an **NLI** with a Division I or II school.



REMEMBER

- » If your student has an Eligibility Center Certification account and meets **fee waiver criteria**, you will need to **submit fee waiver information** for that student via the High School Portal.

CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT DASHBOARD



CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Account Creation
We've saved all of your information.
[Pick Up Where I Left Off](#)

Send Test Scores and Transcripts
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.
[Learn more](#)

Request Amateurism Certification
[Submit request now](#)

Header: NCAA Eligibility Center | Help | Tasks | Jane Doe | NCAA 1702726415 | Grad: Jun 2017 | Enroll: Fall 2017

- » Check for open tasks.
- » Update graduation or enrollment dates, if needed.
- » Check transcript receipt.
- » Edit account, schools or sports information.



WHAT IS AN NCAA ID?

- » Used by NCAA coaches to add students to their school's institutional request list for recruiting purposes.
- **Where?** Your student's NCAA ID is in the top-right corner of their Eligibility Center account.
- In addition to their password, students need their NCAA ID when calling the Eligibility Center with questions.



Student Name

NCAA ID: 1234567890

Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: MM/YYYY



WHAT IS AN IRL?

» Institutional request list.

- A list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.
- » Your student **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification, which qualifies them to receive athletics aid, practice and compete in college.



COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Your student must apply and be accepted to their NCAA school before they can compete on campus.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting them.
- » Students should ask their NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



REMEMBER

- » Encourage your students to communicate closely with you, coaches, parents/guardians, their college's compliance office, and mentors as they transition to an NCAA school.



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CORE COURSES





WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

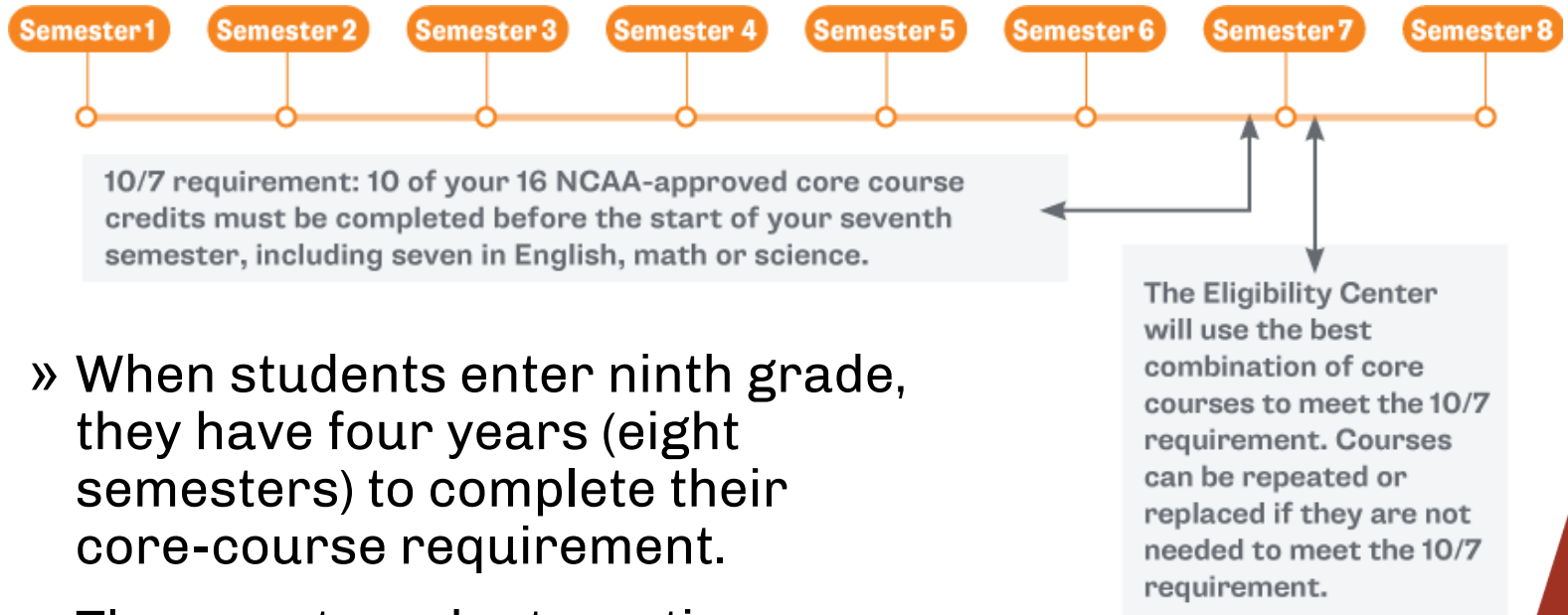
- » Four-year college preparatory course in one of these subject areas:



- » Taught by qualified instructor.
- » Taught at or above your high school's regular academic level.
- » On students' official transcripts with course title, grade and credit and receives credit toward their high school graduation.
- » On your [high school's list](#) of NCAA-approved core courses.



DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- » When students enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete their core-course requirement.
- » They must graduate on time, with their class.



EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12th GRADE

- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES



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CORE-COURSE LIST

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Find and Review Your
High School's List of
NCAA-Approved
Core Courses



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**COVID-19
ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS
2023-24 Enrollment**

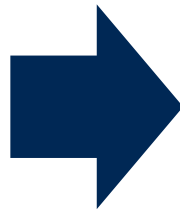




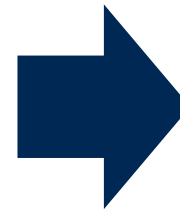
FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



**2023-24
Full-Time Enrollee**



**COVID-19
Automatic Waiver**



**Athletics Aid,
Practice and Compete**

- » Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2023-24 academic year must meet specific criteria to be eligible.
 - COVID-19 impact adjusted requirements.



DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
- Early Academic Qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Academic Redshirt.
 - Nonqualifier.





DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division I early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 3.0 in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



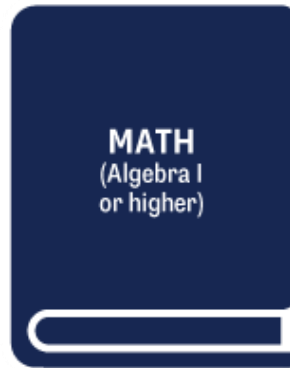
DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown



ENGLISH

3 Years



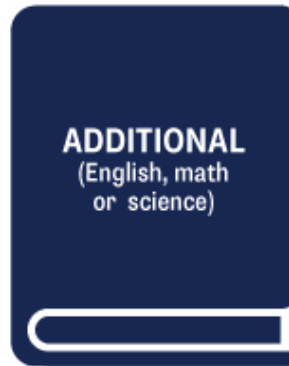
MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

2 Years



SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(English, math
or science)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(Any area)

5 Years



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



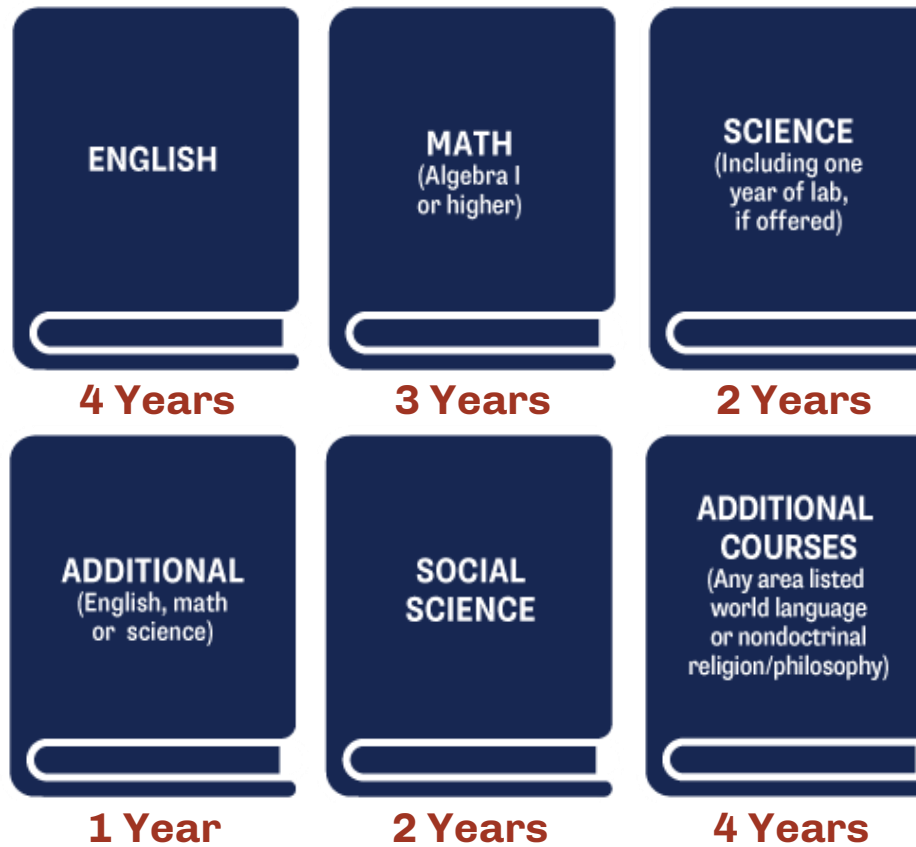
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown





DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA \geq 2.0 in the required subject areas.



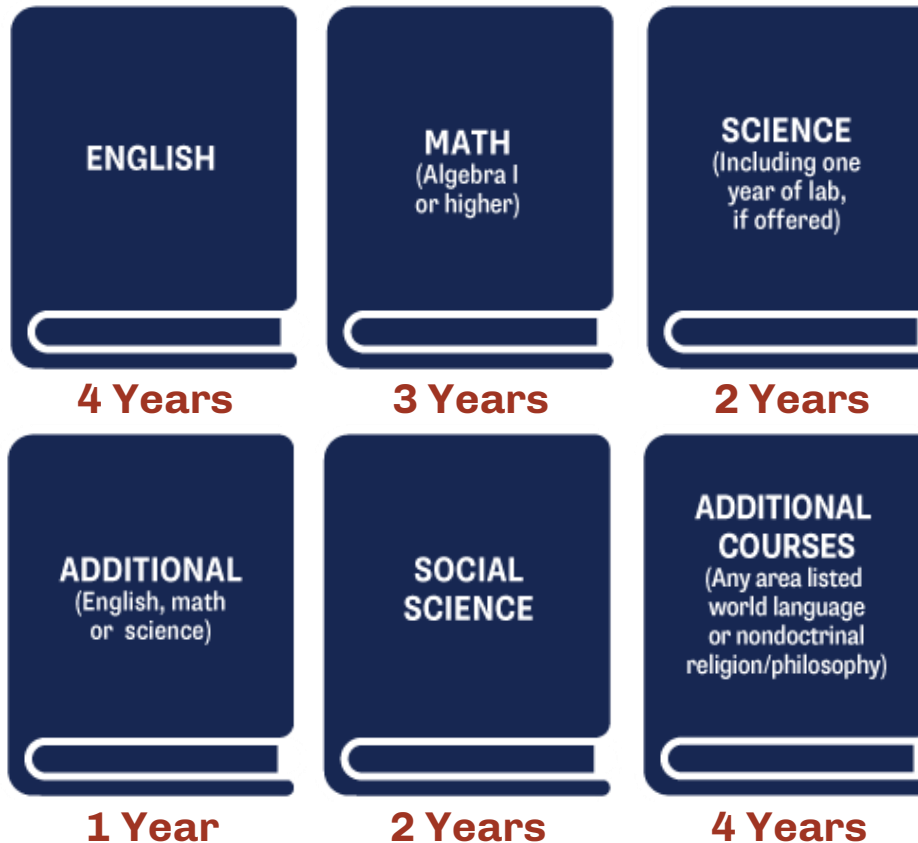
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

Subject Area Breakdown





DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

- » ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- » ~~Practice.~~
- » ~~Compete.~~



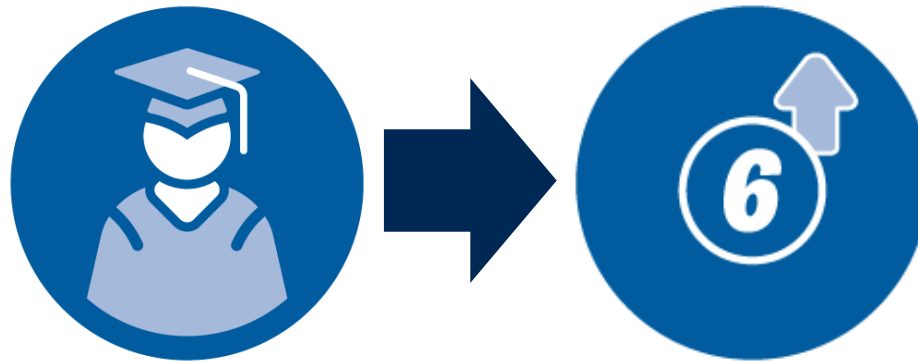
STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

GPA and Core-Course Requirements Remain



- » In January 2023, NCAA **Divisions I** and **II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores from initial-eligibility requirements.
- » Encourage your students to check with the NCAA school they plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



**2023-24
Full-Time Enrollees**

**Up to Six Courses
(From Seventh Semester
to Full-Time Enrollment)**

- » This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.



DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - Early Academic Qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Partial Qualifier.



DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Division II early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



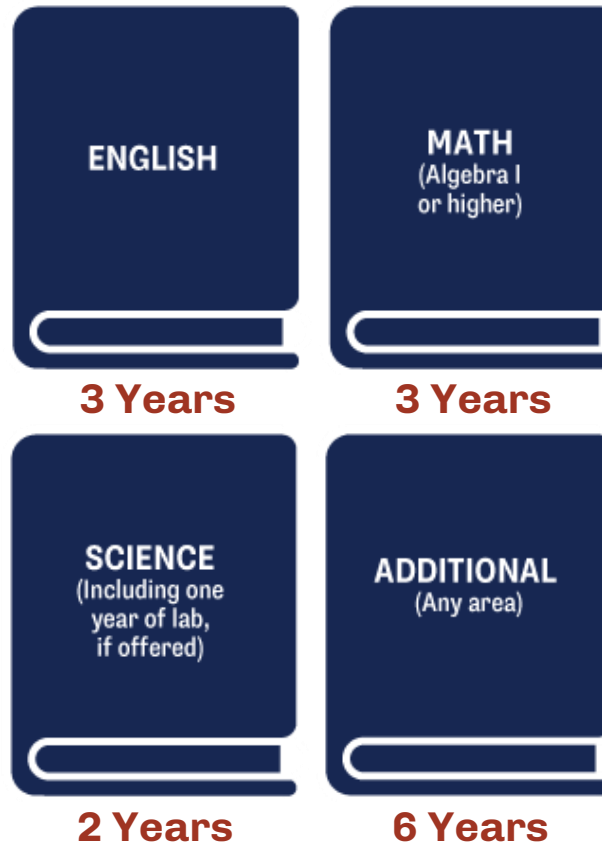
Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.5 in the required subject areas.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown





DIVISION II: QUALIFIER



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



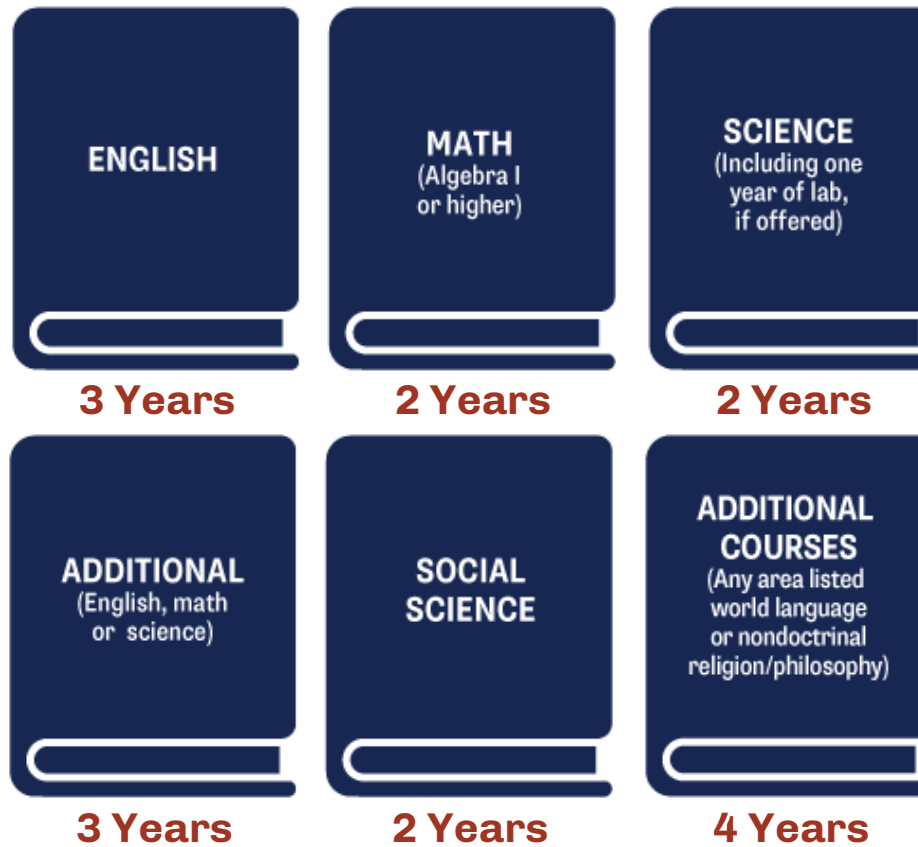
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown





DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.



STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

GPA and Core-Course Requirements Remain



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- » Encourage your students to check with the NCAA school they plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

DIVISION III

- » Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
 - Academic requirements.
 - Admissions.
 - Financial aid.
- » **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- » Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.





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**Division I Academic
Requirements**



**Division II Academic
Requirements**



**Division III
Amateurism**



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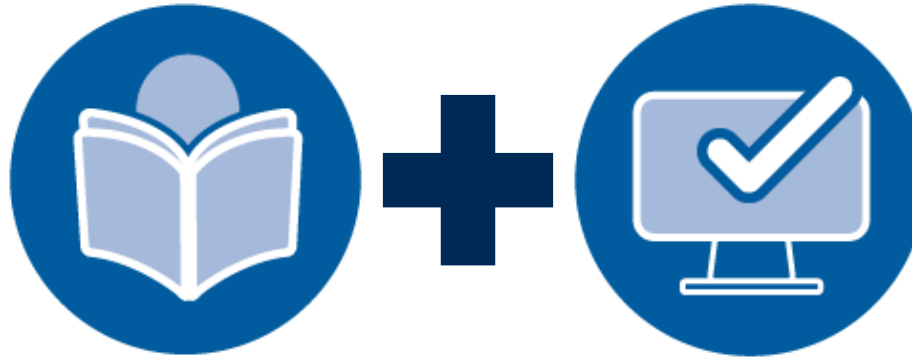


**DISTANCE
OR E-LEARNING**





DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



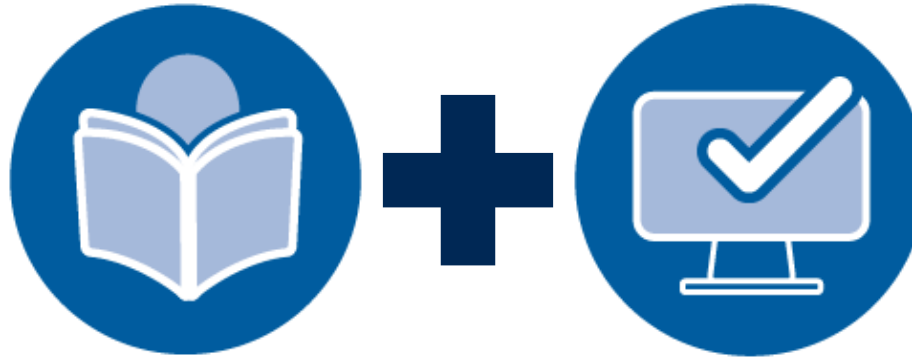
**Students of
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or
E-Learning Program**

- » The Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars in response to closures due to COVID-19.



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING



**Students of
All Grade Levels**

**Distance or
E-Learning Program**

- » This policy applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance or e-learning courses during the spring 2020, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars.



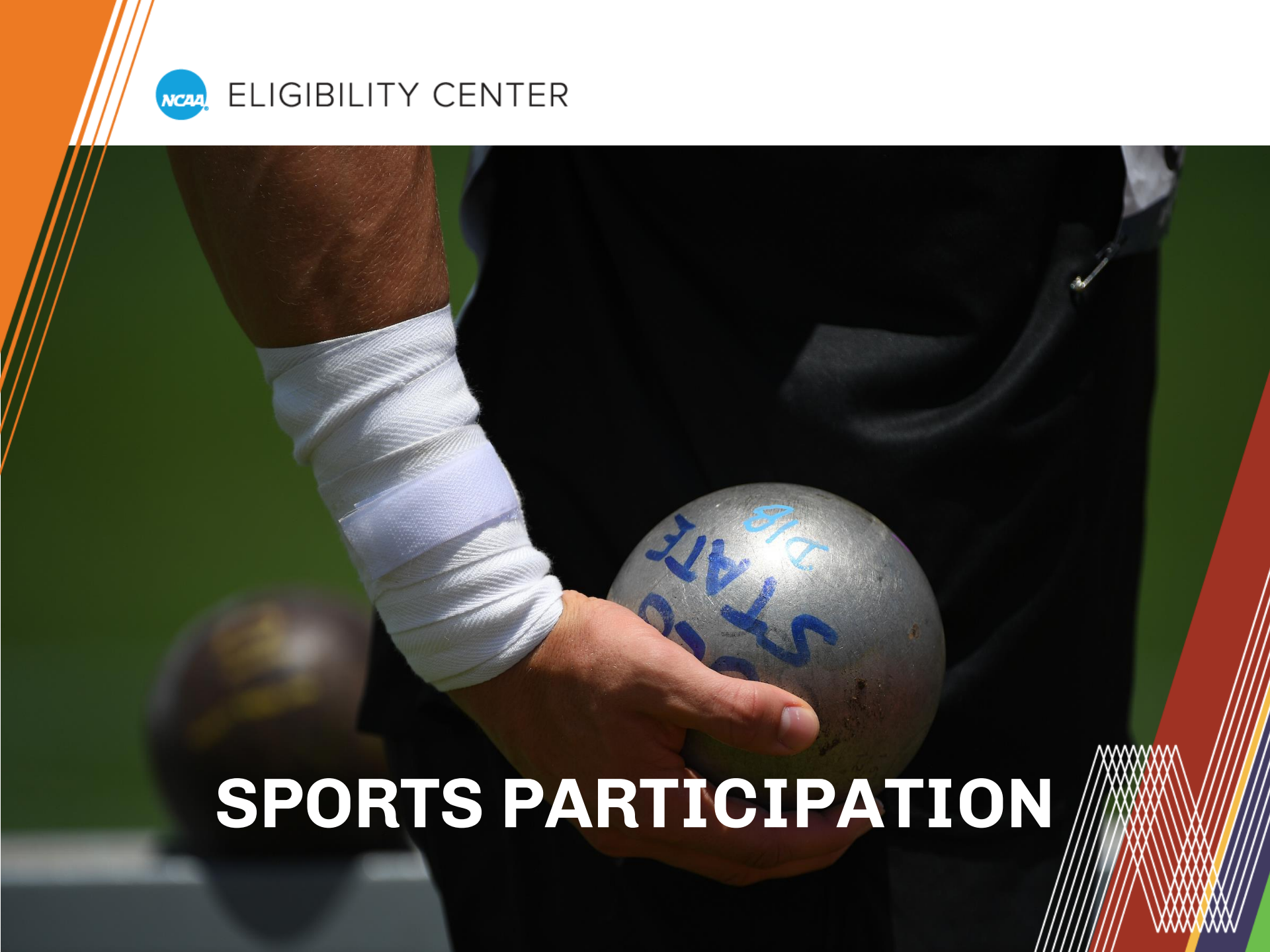
REMEMBER

- » **This policy** applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance, e-learning or hybrid courses in 2022-23 at schools with NCAA-approved core courses.
- » **It does NOT apply to courses completed on or after September 1, 2023.**



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SPORTS PARTICIPATION





SPORTS PARTICIPATION

When a student registers for a Certification account, they must:

- » Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
- » Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- » **Request their final amateurism certification** before they enroll full time at an NCAA school.



NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

TAKING ACTION NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

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THE COLLEGE ATHLETE MODEL

The NCAA is committed to allow name, image and likeness opportunities for student-athletes consistent with the college athlete model.

The college athlete model is not the professional model, meaning students will compete against other students, not professionals or employees.

NCAA student-athletes now have opportunity to benefit from their name, image and likeness.

- » All three divisions have adopted a uniform, interim policy suspending NIL rules for all incoming and current student-athletes in all sports.
- » For more NIL resources.
 - Visit ncaa.org/nil.
 - Follow the Eligibility Center on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).



REMEMBER

Encourage students to contact the Eligibility Center. Their actions may impact their future NCAA eligibility.

» College-bound student-athlete support line.

- 877-262-1492.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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RECRUITING



RECRUITING CALENDARS

FOOTBALL, DIVISION I

RECRUITING METHOD	
Recruiting Materials and Electronic Correspondence (e.g., recruiting letters, social media messages, text messages)	You may receive brochures for camps, questionnaires, NCAA materials and nonathletics recruiting publications at any time. A coach may begin sending you recruiting materials and electronic correspondence Sept. 1 of your junior/11th year of high school.
Phone Calls to a Coach	You or your family may call a coach at any time.
Phone Calls From a Coach	A coach may call you one time between April 15 and May 31 during your junior/11th year of high school. Beginning Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year, a coach may call you one time per week outside a contact period and make unlimited calls during a contact period.
Off-Campus Contact	A college coach may have contact with you or your family off the college's campus beginning July 1 following the end of your junior/11th year of high school or opening day of classes of your senior/12th year (whichever comes first).
Unofficial Visit	You and your family may visit a college at your own expense at any time.
Official Visit	A college may pay for you and two family members to visit campus beginning April 1 of your junior/11th year of high school through the Sunday before the last Wednesday in June. After this date, a college may provide you the expense-paid visit after Sept. 1 of your senior/12th year.

» To learn more about recruiting calendars, visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.



UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial Visits

Any visit to a college campus paid by your student or their family members.

- » May take as many unofficial visits as they like after the first permissible date in each sport.
- » Be mindful of recruiting shutdowns and dead periods when scheduling unofficial visits.

They may receive:

- » Complimentary admission.
 - May include three tickets for a home Division I athletics contest, or five tickets for a home Division II athletics contest.

Note: They cannot talk with a coach during an unofficial visit during their sport's **dead period**.



UNOFFICIAL VS OFFICIAL VISITS

Official Visits

Before a Division I or II official visit students must:

- » Send the NCAA school a high school transcript.
- » Register for a Certification account with the Eligibility Center.

During an official visit, NCAA schools can:

- » Pay for transportation to and from the college.
 - This include up to two family members in Division I (all sports., effective July 1, 2023).
- » Provide lodging and meals.
 - May include reasonable entertainment expenses.

Note: Students may not take an official visit during their sport's **dead period**.

NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- » By signing a NLI, students are agreeing to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- » NLIs are voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- » NCAA schools agree to provide athletics financial aid to them for a minimum of one academic year.
 - Must be admitted to the school.
 - Must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- » For more information, visit nationalletter.org.





SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2%** of **high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- » Expectations.
 - Annual scholarships.
 - Renewal.
- » Academic scholarships.
- » Athletics scholarships.



QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO ASK

- » What is the cost of attendance?
 - Financial aid.
 - > Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
 - > If I'm injured and can no longer compete, will my scholarship remain?
 - On-campus housing.
- » What degree programs are offered?
- » What is the NCAA school's graduation rate?
- » Where do you stand from a recruiting standpoint?
 - #1 vs #5 vs standby.
 - NLI.
 - Redshirt expectations.
- » What is the coaching philosophy and style?



PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If a student wants to play sports in college, they must:

- » Share their NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting them.
- » Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
- » **Request their final amateurism certification** before enrolling full time in college.
 - Starting April 1 (fall).
 - Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
- » Ask their high school counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Understand considerations for documented **education impacting disabilities**.



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A large, stylized NCAA logo in white, centered on a blue circular background. The background is decorated with colorful confetti in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The logo is set against a dark blue background with white lines, suggesting a basketball court. The overall design is vibrant and celebratory.

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RESOURCES



**Guide for
High School Counselors**

RESOURCES

- » Review the [COVID-19 FAQ](#).
- » Visit the [High School Portal](#).
- » Subscribe to the [high school newsletter](#).
- » Visit [eligibilitycenter.org](#).
- » Download our resources:
 - [Guide for High School Counselors](#).
 - [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
 - [Initial-Eligibility flyer](#).



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