

So, Grizzlies...you want to Play Sports in College?

Here's what you've got to do (even if it's only a remote possibility):

1. Go to the NCAA Web site for students – <http://eligibilitycenter.org/> – download the **Guide for College-Bound Student Athletes** and READ it with your parents.
2. Figure out if the sports you want to play at your potential colleges are **NCAA Division 1, Division 2, Division 3, or NAIA.**

The following directions are for those pursuing a Division 1 or Division 2 College. If pursuing Division 3 or NAIA schools, please skip to those respective sections further down.

1. **Go to the NCAA Eligibility Center Website** – <http://eligibilitycenter.org/> – click on “Prospective Student-Athletes” and **register by completing the Student Release Form and amateurism questionnaire** (cost is \$80) no later than the end of the 11th grade year.
2. Have your official **SAT or ACT scores sent to the NCAA** by the testing agency (either www.collegeboard.org or www.act.org) using code 9999.
3. Have your official **high school transcript sent to the NCAA** at the end of your 11th grade year (get on this now if you are a 12th grader). Pick up a transcript request form in the front office or download it from GBHS’s website. Once completed, return to Student Services/Athletics as they will send a complimentary transcript at the end of 11th grade and also at the end of 12th grade. If any other transcripts are desired aside from the end of 11th and the end of 12th grade, those will need to be paid for.
4. Review your amateurism questionnaire and request final amateurism certification on (or after) April 1st of 12th grade year.
5. After graduation, **request a final transcript be sent with proof of graduation to the NCAA.**

The following directions are for those pursuing a Division 3 College.

1. Contact your Division 3 college or university regarding its policies on admission, financial aid, practice and competition. **Division 3 does NOT require you to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.**

The following directions are for those pursuing a NAIA College.

1. NAIA requires registration at the NAIA Eligibility Center (note: this is different from the NCAA Eligibility Center) and there are academic requirements that must be fulfilled and transcripts and SAT/ACT scores must be sent. For more information go to the NAIA Eligibility Center at www.PlayNAIA.org.

To even be eligible to play sports at NCAA Division 1 or Division 2 schools, you must:

1. **Complete a certain number of core courses (refer to guide)**
2. **Earn a minimum GPA in these courses (refer to guide)**
3. **Earn a minimum score on the SAT or ACT (refer to guide)**
4. **Graduate from high school**