NCAA

D1:

- 16 NCAA approved core courses
  - taking the 1st year of a language in Jr High does not count for NCAA in our district (CUSD does not award credit for Jr. High classes)
  - Casteel/COA approved courses: https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction
    - Casteel CEEB/ACT code: 030820
    - COA NCAA high school code: 850068
  - Ex: 4 Eng, 4 Math, 3 Sci. 3 Soc Stud, 2 NCAA Approved Electives
- 2.3 **Core Course** GPA
- Complete 10/16 classes before the start of the 7th semester of high school
- Academic Redshirt: below 2.3 GPA, cannot play first year

D2:

- 16 NCAA approved core courses (see above)
- 2.2 **Core Course** GPA
- Partial Qualifier: don't meet all requirements and cannot play first year

D3:

- Don't offer athletic scholarships
- Schools set their own admissions standards
- Only international students need to register with NCAA Eligibility Center

NAIA

Either:

- 2.3 GPA

  Or
- 2 of the following:
  - 2.0 GPA
  - Test Score of ACT-18 or SAT-970
  - Rank in top 50%

NJCAA

- Must graduate High School
- Must be amateur (no professional or semi-professional participation)

ELIGIBILITY CENTER

THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS



High School Graduation



NCAA Initial Eligibility



College Admission

High School Timeline

9th GRADE REGISTER

- If you haven't yet, **register** for a free Profile Page account at **eligibilitycenter.org** for information on NCAA initial-eligibility standards.
- Meet with your high school counselor to ensure they are aware of your plans to compete in NCAA sports.
- Find your high school's list of **NCAA-approved core courses** to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!
- Use NCAA Research's **interactive map** to locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.

10th GRADE PLAN



- If you're being **recruited** by an NCAA Division I or II school, **transition** your Profile Page account to an Academic and Athletics Certification account.
- Monitor the **task list** and **sign up for text alerts** in your **Eligibility Center account** for next steps.
- Research admissions requirements for NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- Ask your high school counselor from each school you attended to upload your **official high school transcript** at the end of the school year.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding **NCAA-approved core courses**.

11th GRADE STUDY



- Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- Check with your high school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved **core courses** and **graduate on time**.
- Share your **NCAA ID** with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its **institutional request list**.
- Take **unofficial and official visits** to NCAA schools you're interested in attending and start applying early.
- Ask your high school counselor from each school you attended to upload your **official high school transcript** at the end of the school year.

12th GRADE GRADUATE



- Apply to and be accepted by your chosen NCAA school.
- Ensure your **sports participation** information is correct and **request your final athletics certification** beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account.
- Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official high school transcript** with **proof of graduation** after you graduate.

Registration Checklist

Plan to compete in NCAA sports? Register with the Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org** before ninth grade (year nine of secondary school).

Which Account Type Is Right for You?

1. **Academic and Athletics Certification Account:** If you plan to compete at a Division I or II school, register for an Academic and Athletics Certification account. This account type (including completed **payment** or a processed **fee waiver**) is needed to go on Division I official visits, sign an athletics aid agreement for a scholarship and compete at a Division I or II school.

2. **Athletics Certification Account:** If you're an **international student-athlete** (first-year enrollee or transfer) enrolling at a Division III school, you must register for an Athletics Certification account (or use your existing Academic and Athletics Certification account) and receive your final athletics certification before you can compete.

This account may also be right for students transferring from a non-NCAA college or university to a Division I or II school who do not require an Eligibility Center academic certification. These students should check with the compliance office at the NCAA school they may attend to determine their required account type.

3. **Profile Page Account:** If you're not yet in high school or secondary school, are not being recruited, are unsure in which division you want to compete or are a **domestic student** who plans to compete at a **Division III school**, register for a free Profile Page account. **Transition** your account to an Academic and Athletics Certification account once you are **recruited** by a Division I or II school.

Need this account to upload transcript to NCAA

ELIGIBILITY CENTER ACCOUNT TYPES

In which division do you plan to compete? $110	Academic and Athletics Certification Account	Athletics Certification Account	Profile Page Account
Division I or II			
Before recruiting begins or middle school and younger students (**domestic or international**). Can be transitioned to a certification account when needed.			✓
High school student (**domestic or international**) enrolling for the first time at a Division I or II school.	✓		
Transferring from a two- or four-year college or university. (Check with the compliance office at the school you plan to attend.)	✓ OR	✓	
Division III*			
Domestic high school student enrolling for the first time at a Division III school.			✓
High school student with a permanent residence **outside of the U.S.**		✓	
High school student who attended secondary or postsecondary school **outside of the U.S.** for any time (excluding U.S.-based students who study abroad).		✓	
High school student who was based and competed **outside of the U.S.** or participated on a sports team that that based and competed **outside of the U.S.**		✓	
Transferring from a two- or four-year college or university; attended **domestic high school(s)** only.			✓
Division Undecided/Unknown			
Never enrolled full time at a two- or four-year college or university. Best before recruiting begins or for middle school and younger students. Can be transitioned to a certification account when needed.			✓

*Students enrolling at a Division III school who have an existing Academic and Athletics Certification account should use that account and not create a new one.

Once you have determined the right account for you, visit **eligibilitycenter.org** to register. A list of information you will need to complete your account is outlined below. For a Profile Page account, allow 15 minutes to complete. For certification accounts, allow 30-45 minutes to complete. If you need to exit and come back at a later time, you can save and exit but must return and complete your account within 30 days.

*Unsure **which account type** is right for you?* Start with a **free Profile Page account**, then check with the compliance office at the NCAA school recruiting you. If you need assistance, contact the Eligibility Center at 877-262-1492, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time. International students (including Quebec) should use the **International Contact Form** to submit questions.

ELIGIBILITY CENTER REGISTRATION ESSENTIALS

Below are some items you should have with you when creating an account at **eligibilitycenter.org**:

- ☐ **Student Information**
  Provide your name, gender, date of birth, primary and **secondary contact information** and address.
- ☐ **Valid Email**
  Use an email address you check regularly and will have access to ***after*** high school. The Eligibility Center uses email to update you about your account throughout the process. ***Note:*** If a sibling has registered with the Eligibility Center, use a different email address than the one they used.
- ☐ **Education History**
  List all U.S. and international secondary and high schools and additional programs you attended, even if you did not receive grades or credits. If you attended ninth grade at a junior high school in the same school system in which you later attended high school, the ninth-grade school should not be listed.
- ☐ **Sports Participation History**
  Select each sport you plan to participate in at an NCAA school. For **certification accounts**, list any teams you have practiced or played with, events in which you participated, expenses, awards and any individuals who advised you or marketed your athletic skills. This helps the Eligibility Center certify your athletics eligibility once you **request your final athletics certification**.
- ☐ **Payment (Certification Accounts Only)**
  Certification account registration is complete once your fee is paid (or **fee waiver** is requested, if eligible). Pay online via debit, credit card or eCheck. Effective September 1, the fee for an Academic and Athletics Certification account is $110 for **domestic students** and $170 for **international students**. The fee for an Athletics Certification account is $75. Profile Page accounts are free.

  *All fees are nonrefundable after 30 days. If you completed a duplicate registration and paid your registration fee twice, complete the **refund form**.*

Do You Need Assistance Registering?

Contact the Eligibility Center at 877-262-1492, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time. International students (including Quebec) should use the **International Contact Form** to submit questions.

REMEMBER

Walk-on and "preferred" walk-on recruits must register with the Eligibility Center and meet initial-eligibility standards.

Division I Academic Standards

Division I schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of **full-time enrollment**, you must meet the following requirements:

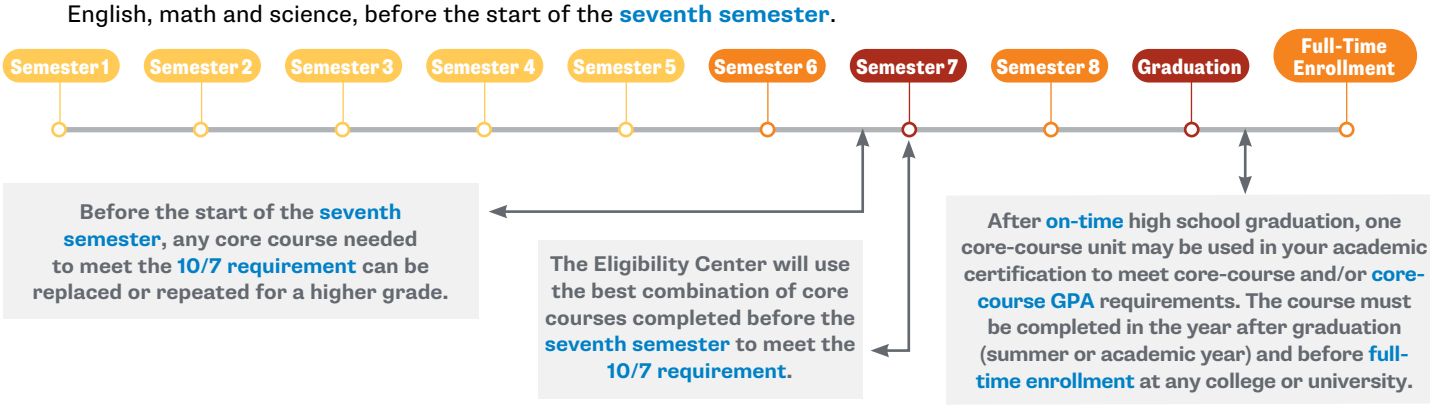
NCAA DIVISION I

No test scores needed

1. **Register** for an Academic and Athletics Certification account.
2. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
4 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	2 years	4 years

3. Complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in four consecutive academic years (eight semesters) from your initial start of ninth grade. If you graduate from high school early, you still must meet core-course requirements.
4. Meet the **10/7 requirement** by completing 10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math and science, before the start of the **seventh semester**.



» Students with solely **international** academic credentials are not required to meet the 10/7 requirement.

5. Earn a minimum 2.3 **core-course GPA**.
6. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official high school transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
7. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

Example Schedule

How To Plan High School Courses To Meet the 16 Core-Course Requirement

4 x 4 = 16

9th GRADE	10th GRADE	11th GRADE	12th GRADE
(1) English	(1) English	(1) English	(1) English
(1) Math	(1) Math	(1) Math	(1) Math
(1) Science	(1) Science	(1) Science	(1) Science
(1) Social science and/or additional	(1) Social science and/or additional	(1) Social science and/or additional	(1) Social science and/or additional
4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES	4 CORE COURSES

Division II Academic Standards

Division II schools require you to meet academic standards. To be eligible to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship in your first year of **full-time enrollment**, you must meet the following requirements:

DIVISION II

MAKE IT YOURS

no test scores needed

1. **Register** for an Academic and Athletics Certification account.
2. Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the following areas:

ENGLISH	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SCIENCE (Including one year of lab, if offered)	EXTRA ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL Any area listed to the left or world language, comparative religion or philosophy
3 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	4 years

3. Earn a minimum 2.2 **core-course GPA**.
4. Ask your high school counselor to upload your **final official high school transcript** with **proof of graduation** to your Eligibility Center account.
5. Receive academic and athletics certifications from the Eligibility Center.

What if You Don't Meet Division II Standards?

If you have not met all the Division II academic standards, you may not compete in your first year of **full-time enrollment** at a Division II school. However, you will be deemed a partial qualifier. All Division II partial qualifiers may practice and receive an athletics scholarship but may NOT compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.

Division II Worksheet

Use the **Division II Worksheet** to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The Eligibility Center will determine your **academic status** after you graduate. Remember to check your high school's list of **NCAA-approved core courses** for courses you have taken or plan to take.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION DECISIONS

Academic certifications are required for all college-bound student-athletes planning to compete at an NCAA Division II school. If you're being **recruited** by a Division II school, below are the most common decisions you may receive once your academic certification has been completed.

Early Academic Qualifier

If you meet **specific criteria** after three consecutive academic years (six semesters) of high school, you may be deemed an early academic qualifier for Division II and may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

Qualifier

You may practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year of full-time enrollment.

Partial Qualifier

You may practice and receive an athletics scholarship but may NOT compete during your first year of full-time enrollment.



DIVISION I WORKSHEET

Name:

This worksheet is provided to assist you in monitoring your progress in meeting NCAA initial-eligibility standards. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine your academic status after you graduate. Remember to check **your high school's list** of NCAA-approved core courses for the classes you have taken or plan to take.

Use the following scale: A = 4 quality points; B = 3 quality points; C = 2 quality points; D = 1 quality point.

ENGLISH (4 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
✓	Example: English 9			4		(0.5 x 4) = 2
	English 9			A C		(.5 x 4)=2 (.5 x 2)=1 0.0
	English 10			C C		(.5 x 2)=1 (.5 x 2)=1 0.0
	English 11			B A		(.5 x 3)=1.5 (.5 x 4)=2 0.0 =8.5
						0.0
	TOTAL ENGLISH CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

MATH (3 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
✓	Example: Algebra I			3		(1.0 x 3) = 3
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
	TOTAL MATH CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
						0.0
						0.0
	TOTAL SCIENCE CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

ADDITIONAL YEAR IN ENGLISH, MATH OR SCIENCE (1 YEAR REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
						0.0
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
						0.0
						0.0
	TOTAL SOCIAL SCIENCE CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC COURSES (4 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	COURSE TITLE		X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
						0.0
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC CREDITS	0.0				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 0.0

TOTAL QUALITY POINTS FROM EACH SUBJECT AREA / TOTAL CREDITS = CORE-COURSE GPA	0.0	/	0.0	=	8.5/3 = 2.83

QUALITY POINTS / CREDITS = CORE-COURSE GPA

10 of your 16 NCAA-approved core course credits must be completed before the start of your seventh semester, including seven in English, math or science.

The information presented on or through this worksheet is made available solely for general information purposes. The NCAA does not warrant the accuracy, completeness, or usefulness of this information. Any reliance you place on such information is strictly at your own risk. We disclaim all liability and responsibility arising from any reliance placed on such this worksheet, and any information included therein, by you or any other individual or entity who may be informed of any of its contents.

ELIGIBILITY CENTER

SENIORS:
Dec Grad - Oct. 1st
May Grad - Apr. 1st

*Need Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

HOW TO REQUEST FINAL AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION

A college-bound student-athlete must request final amateurism certification before the NCAA Eligibility Center can process the student's final certification decision.

» ***Enrolling for the first time at an NCAA Division I or II school in the fall semester?*** Request your final amateurism certification on or after April 1 before that semester.

» ***Enrolling for the first time at an NCAA Division I or II school in the winter/spring semester?*** Request your final amateurism certification on or after October 1 before that semester.

» ***Are you an international student-athlete enrolling for the first time at a Division III school?*** Request your final amateurism certification on or after April 1 (fall enrollment) or October 1 (winter/spring enrollment).

Remember: **Only certification accounts can request final amateurism certification.**

If you are being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, **transition** it to the required **certification account**.

Steps to Request Your Final Amateurism Certification

1. Log in at **eligibilitycenter.org** to view your dashboard.
   » ***On your laptop/tablet?*** Select Dashboard from the menu on the left-hand side of the screen.
   » ***On your phone?*** Scroll to the bottom and click Return to Dashboard.
2. Check your progress on your Dashboard. The first Account Creation circle must be complete prior to requesting your final amateurism certification.
3. Ensure all sports-participation questions are up-to-date and answered, your NCAA **enrollment period** accurately reflects your **first full-time enrollment** at any NCAA school, and all amateurism-related tasks are completed.



» You may have tasks open in the second Send Transcripts circle and still request your final amateurism certification.

» Your enrollment period can be **updated** at any time. To update this field, select Account Settings from the menu and continue to the Basic Information screen, where high school graduation and college enrollment dates are editable on the second page.

4. In the third box on your Dashboard, select the green "Submit Request Now" button.
5. Select each sport for which you want to request your final amateurism certification.
6. You may request your final amateurism certification even if you are not being recruited by an NCAA school. However, the Eligibility Center may wait to begin your certification until after an NCAA school adds you to their **institutional request list**. Please provide the school(s) recruiting you with your NCAA ID.

Tip: If you changed your **enrollment period** after requesting final certification, you will need to return to your Dashboard and re-request your final amateurism certification for each sport in the third box. If you have not requested final amateurism certification in the past, follow the steps above.

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NCAA Approved Courses-Casteel

English
English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
Resource English 9
Resource English 10
Resource English 11
Resource English 12
Hon English 9
Hon English 10
AP Seminar/Hon Eng 10
AP Eng Lang and Comp
AP Eng Lit and Comp
College Prep English
Creative Writing (.5)

Social Science
World His and Geography
American/Arizona History
US/AZ Government
Economics
Hon World His and Geo
AP World History
AP American/AZ History
AP US/AZ Government
AP Macroeconomics
Psychology (.5)
AP Psychology
AP Human Geography

Math
Resource Algebra 1
Resource Algebra 2
Resource College Algebra
Resource Geometry
Introduction to Statistics
Multi Calc and Differential
College Algebra
College Mathematics
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Hon Algebra 2
Hon Geometry
Hon Pre-Calculus
Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Geometry
Pre-Calculus

Natural/Physical Science
Biotech 1
Biotech 2
Biology
Chemistry
Physics
Investigative Science
Anatomy and Physiology
Env Systems Science
Phen in Natural Science
Human Biology
Hon Biology
Hon Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C
AP Environmental Science

Additional Core Courses
German 1
German 2
Honors German 3
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Honors Spanish 3
AP Spanish 4
AP Spanish 5
AP Spanish 6
French 1
French 2
Honors French 3
American Sign Lang 1
American Sign Lang 2
Hon Amer Sign Lang 3
Hon Amer Sign Lang 4

Approved but no longer offered
Journalism (.5)
US Military History (.5)
Phys Anthro & Arch (.5)
Introduction Sociology (.5)
Criminal Justice (.5)
Mandarin Chinese 1
Mandarin Chinese 2
Hon Mandarin Chinese 3
AP Mandarin Chinese 4

NCAA Approved Courses-COA

English
English 9
English 10
English 11
English 12
English 9 Honors
English 10 Honors
AP Eng Lang and Comp
AP Eng Lit and Comp
Creative Writing

Social Science
World His and Geography
American/Arizona History
US/AZ Gov and Const
Economics
Hon World His and Geo
AP World His and Geo
AP United States History
AP US Gov and Politics
AP Macroeconomics
Law & Order
Personal Psych (.5)
AP Psychology
AP Human Geography
AP History of Art

Math
Introduction to Statistics
College Algebra
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
Algebra 2 Honors
Geometry Honors
Pre-Calculus Honors
Algebra 1
Algebra 2
Geometry
Pre-Calculus

Natural/Physical Science
Biology
Chemistry
Investigative Science
Physics
Anatomy and Physiology
Biology Honors
Chemistry Honors
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics

Additional Core Courses
Spanish 1
Spanish 2
Honors Spanish 3
AP Spanish 4
French 1
French 2
Honors French 3
Mandarin Chinese 1
Mandarin Chinese 2
Hon Mandarin Chinese 3
American Sign Lang 1
American Sign Lang 2

Approved but no longer offered
Criminology