ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

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AGENDA

- What is the NCAA eligibility center?
- Registration process
- Core courses
- Academic eligibility standards
- Sports Participation
- Resources & Questions

WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

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A unit within the NCAA responsible for evaluating and certifying college-bound student athletes for collegiate competition at Division I and Division II schools

NCAA Eligibility Center focuses on:

- Academic Preparedness
- Sports Participation
- High School Courses
- Customer Service

If you want to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school, you must meet NCAA Eligibility Center:

- Academic initial-eligibility requirements
- Amateurism requirements

NCAA FAST FACTS

- 1,100+ colleges & universities
- 98 voting athletic conferences
- 39 affiliated organizations
- > 500,000 student-athletes
- 20,000 teams
- 90 championships
- 24 sports
- 3 divisions

REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Three Account Types

Option 1:
Free Profile Page Account

Option 2: Amateurism-Only Certification Account

Option 3: Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

eligibilitycenter.org

PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

A free Profile Page account is the right account if you are a college-bound student-athlete who is:

- In high school and staying connected to receive the most current information from the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- In middle school or earlier and wanting to learn more about college athletics.
- Still deciding which NCAA division is right for you.
- Planning to compete at an NCAA Division III school and have only attended a U.S. high school.
- Registering to play at an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (BBCS, ECAG, AAU).

AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

An Amateurism-Only Certification account is the right account for only a small number of students, including:

- **International** college-bound student-athletes (first-year students and transfers) planning to compete at an NCAA Division III school.

This account may also be right for **two-** or four-year college transfers who plan to enroll for the first time at an NCAA **Division I or II** school. These students should speak with the compliance staff at the NCAA school they plan to attend to determine which account type is required for their situation.

This account (which does NOT include an academic certification) requires a registration fee of **$70** for all students.

ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

The most common account for future NCAA student-athletes, an Academic and Amateurism Certification account is the right account for college-bound student-athletes who are planning to:

- Compete at an NCAA Division I or II school.
- Take an official visit.
- Sign a National Letter of Intent.

This account includes a registration fee of **$100** for domestic students and **$160** for International students.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Review

Review your Dashboard for open tasks

View

View your receipt of transcripts on file

Update

Update your graduation or enrollment dates if needed

Edit

Edit your account, school, or sports information

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

You must apply and be accepted to your NCAA Division I or Division II school before you can compete on campus.

Ask your NCAA school for more information regarding cost of attendance and financial aid.

IRL: INSTITUTION REQUEST LIST

You must be on an NCAA DI or DII school's Institution Request List to get a certification

- Apply to NCAA Eligibility Center and have your transcript uploaded
- Get in touch with the coach of the college/university team & ask that they add you to their IRL
- Once placed on one school's IRL, NCAA will be contacted to review and clear your application
- Once application is cleared, it is available to be seen by any other coach
- You only need to be on one school's IRL to be cleared to play at any other school

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Communicate closely with your high school counselor, coach, parents/guardians, college compliance office, and mentors as you transition to college

CORE COURSES

WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

- **English**
- **Math**
- **Natural/Physical Science**
- **Social Science**
- **Additional Courses (Foreign Language, Philosophy, or Comparative Religion)**

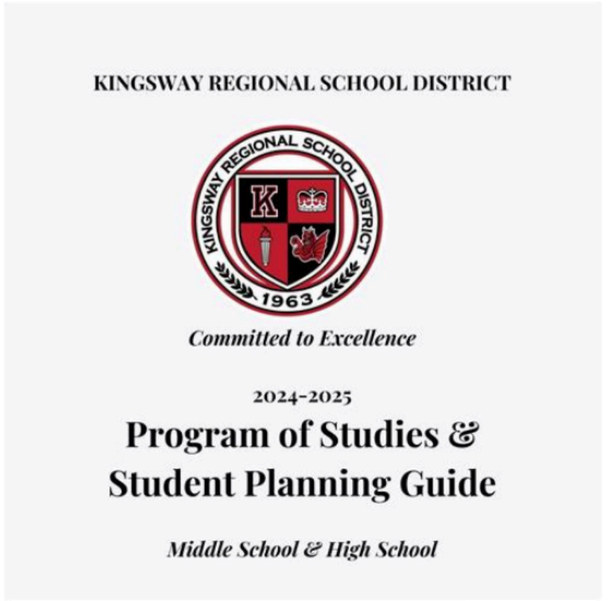
NCAA core courses are:

- On Kingsway's list of NCAA-approved core courses
- Taught at or above our regular academic level (College Prep)
- Taught by a qualified instructor
- Considered four-year college preparatory

CORE COURSE LIST

View Kingsway's list of NCAA-approved core courses by:

- Going to eligibilitycenter.org/courselist, or
- Referring to our Program of Studies & Student Planning Guide and looking for the NCAA logo NCAA.



DIVISION I

DIVISION I ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Four possible academic certification outcomes for student athletes

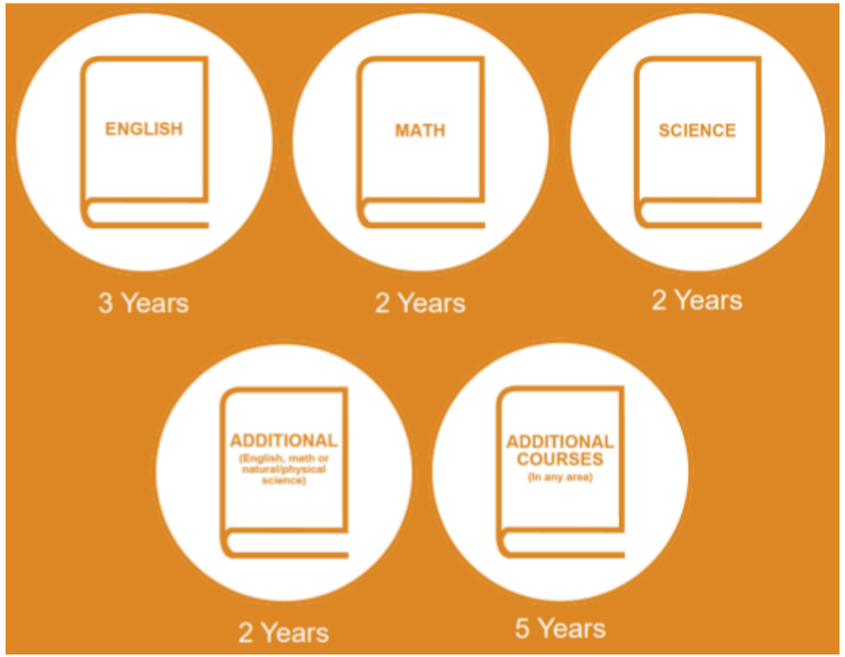
1. Early Academic Qualifier
2. Qualifier
3. Academic Redshirt
4. Nonqualifier

DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

ATHLETICS AID PRACTICE & COMPETE

Note: DI early academic qualifier status is based on your 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



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

ATHLETICS AID PRACTICE & COMPETE

- Meet core-course progression before starting seventh semester
- 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



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

FIRST YEAR ATHLETICS AID & FIRST TERM PRACTICE

- Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas
- Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas
- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center



DIVISION I: NON-QUALIFIER

NO ATHLETICS AID, NO PRACTICE, NO COMPETE

- DI non-qualifiers are **not eligible** to receive athletics aid, practice, or compete their first year

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

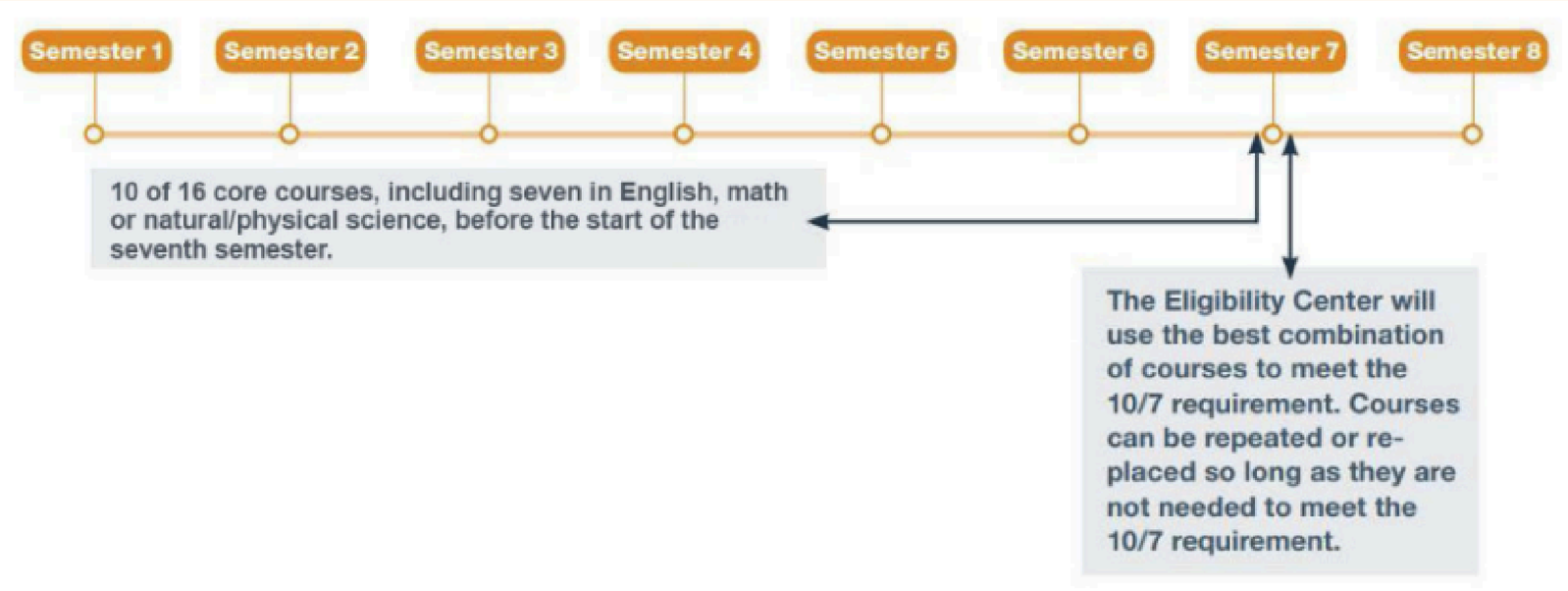
SAT/ACT

Standardized test scores are **excluded** from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for student athletes

Colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores for admissions

D1

CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



- When you enter 9th grade, you have **four years** (eight semesters) to complete your core-course requirements.
- You must graduate on time, with your class.

D1

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

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

4 x 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

DIVISION II

DIVISION II ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Three possible academic certification outcomes for student athletes

1. Early Academic Qualifier
2. Qualifier
3. Partial Qualifier

DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

ATHLETICS AID PRACTICE & COMPETE

Note: DII early academic qualifier status is based on your 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



DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

ATHLETICS AID PRACTICE & COMPETE

- 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



DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

ATHLETICS AID & PRACTICE

Note: Student-athletes that do not meet DII qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier

- Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

SAT/ACT

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Colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores for admissions

DIVISION III

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Each Division III college/university determines its own eligibility for:

- Admission
- Financial Aid
- Practice & Competition

The NCAA Eligibility Center **does not** perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes

Division III student-athletes may register for the free Profile Page account, but it is not required

CALCULATING CORE-COURSE GPAS

Kingsway Regional School District
Kingsway Regional High School

213 Kings Highway
Woolwich Township, NJ 08085
Telephone: (856) 467-3300 Fax: (856) 241-1932
www.krsd.org

CEEB Code	School Counselor	
311445	Miller, Victoria	
Entry Date	**Withdrawal Date**	**Graduation Date**
09/02/2020		06/14/2024

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

Student Name
[redacted]
Home Address
[redacted]

ACADEMIC RECORD

Grade: 09 **School Year: 2020-21**

Course	Grade	Credits
HONORS ENG I	B-	1.000
ADV ITALIAN II	C	1.000
ALGEBRA I	B	1.000
PE/HE 9	A+	1.000
CP PHYSICS/ALG BASED	B	1.000
HONORS W HISTORY	B-	1.000
WEALTH MGT	A+	0.500
CAREER EXPLORATION I	A	0.500

Weighted GPA: 3.2000 Total Credits: 7.000

Grade: 10 **School Year: 2021-22**

Course	Grade	Credits
ART OF BAKING	A	0.500
CP ENGLISH II	A	1.000
CREATIVE WRIT	B	1.000
H ITALIAN III	B	1.000
GEOMETRY	B+	1.000
CP CHEMISTRY	B	1.000
PE/DE 10	A+	1.000
HON US HISTORY I	D+	1.000
FOOD & NUTRITION	C+	0.500

Weighted GPA: 3.2188 Total Credits: 8.000

Grade: 11 **School Year: 2022-23**

Course	Grade	Credits
HONORS ENG III	A	1.000
HONORS ALG II	B-	1.000
CP BIOLOGY	A+	1.000
FORENSICS	A	1.000
PE/HE 11	A	1.000
HON US HISTORY II	A	1.000
AP PSYCHOLOGY	A-	1.000

Weighted GPA: 4.1286 Total Credits: 7.000

Grade: 12 **School Year: 2023-24**

Course	Grade	Credits
PE/HE 12		
ENGLISH IV LIT/COMP, AP		
STATISTICS, AP		
ENVIRO SCI, AP		
HUMAN BEHAV & CULT		
CERAMICS		

Weighted GPA: Total Credits: 0.000

Transcript Statistics

Cumulative GPA	GPA	Credits Earned
Weighted GPA:	3.5023	22.000

Grade Key

A+	97-100	A	93-96	A-	90-92	I	Incomplete
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82	M	Medical
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72	PA	Pass
D+	67-69	D	63-66	D-	60-62	FA	Fail
				F	0-59	NG	No Grade

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Signature Date

DIVISION I WORKSHEET

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	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
✓	Example: English 9	.50		4		(.5 x 4) = 2
	Eng I	1		3		3.0
	Eng II	1		4		4.0
	Eng III	1		4		4.0
	Eng IV					
	TOTAL ENGLISH UNITS	3				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 11

MATH (3 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
✓	Example: Algebra I	1.0		3		(1.0 x 3) = 3
	Algebra I	1		3		3.0
	Geometry	1		3		3.0
	Algebra II	1		3		3.0
	TOTAL MATH UNITS	3				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 9

SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
	Physics	1		3		3.0
	Chemistry	1		3		3.0
	TOTAL SCIENCE UNITS	2				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 6

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

10/7	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
	Biology	1		4		4.0
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL UNITS	1				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 4

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
	World History	1		3		3.0
	US History II	1		4		4.0
	TOTAL SOCIAL SCIENCE UNITS	2				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 7

OTHER ACADEMIC COURSES (4 YEARS REQUIRED)

10/7	NCAA-APPROVED COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	X	GRADE	=	QUALITY POINTS (MULTIPLY CREDIT BY GRADE)
	Forensics	1		4		4.0
	AP Psychology	1		4		4.0
	Creative Writing	1		3		3.0
	Italian III	1		3		3.0
	TOTAL ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC UNITS	4				TOTAL QUALITY POINTS 14

QUALITY POINTS	/	CREDITS	=	CORE-COURSE GPA
TOTAL QUALITY POINTS FROM EACH SUBJECT AREA / TOTAL CREDITS = CORE-COURSE GPA	51	/ 15	=	3.4 GPA

Sixteen core courses are required for your core-course GPA. Ten 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. Given the manual data entry required, the NCAA does not warrant the accuracy or completeness of this information. Any reliance placed on this information is strictly at your own risk. We disclaim all liability and responsibility arising from any reliance placed on this worksheet, and any information included therein, by you or any other individual or entity who may be informed of its contents.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

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When you register for a Certification account, you must:

- Select the sport(s) you would like to play in college.
- Update your information frequently if you play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
- Request final amateurism before you enroll full time at a DI or DII school

PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

If students want to play sports in college, they must:

- Let their counselor know their aspirations as soon as possible
- Share their NCAA ID with schools recruiting them
- Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted
- Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college
  - Starting April 1 (fall)
  - Starting October (winter/spring)
- Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation
- Know that considerations are given to students with documented education-impacting disabilities

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 requirements.
- Use NCAA Research's **interactive map** to help locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.
- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at **eligibilitycenter.org/courselist** to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!

10th GRADE PLAN



- If you're being actively recruited by an NCAA school and have a Profile Page account, **transition** it to the required **certification account**.
- Monitor the **task list** in your NCAA Eligibility Center account for next steps.
- At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding **approved courses** you can take.

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 with your class.
- Share your **NCAA ID** with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its **institutional request list**.
- At the end of the school year, ask your high school counselor from each school you attend to upload an official transcript to your Eligibility Center account.

12th GRADE GRADUATE



- **Request your final amateurism certification** beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school you plan to attend.
- Complete your final NCAA-approved **core courses** as you prepare for graduation.
- After you graduate, ask your high school counselor to upload your final **official transcript** with proof of graduation to your Eligibility Center account.

RESOURCES

2025-26 Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete

Division I & Division II GPA Worksheets

Registration Checklist

Eligibility Center

QUESTIONS?

