

NIAA Membership Renewal Application

2026–2027 HIGH SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION AND DATES

FALL		WINTER		SPRING		GRADING PERIODS
School Starts	8/10/2026	Practice Starts	11/14/2026	Practice Starts	2/13/2027	<i>List each grading period end date (quarter, trimester, or semester) and the accompanying status update date.</i>
Practice Starts	8/1/2026	First Contest	11/26/2026	First Contest	2/25/2027	
First Contest	8/13/2026					
Check/Probation	8/28/2026	Check/Probation	11/30/2026	Check/Probation	4/16/2027	Quarter ☒ 10/16/2026
Ineligible	9/4/2026	Ineligible	12/4/2026	Ineligible	4/23/27	Status Update 10/23/2026
Check/Probation	9/18/2026	Check/Probation	1/22/2027	Check/Probation	5/7/2027	Semest ☒ 12/17/2026
Ineligible	9/25/2026	Ineligible	1/29/2026	Ineligible	5/13/2027	Status Update 1/14/2027
Check/Probation	11/6/2026	Check/Probation	2/12/2027	Check/Probation		Quarter ☒ 3/12/2027
Ineligible	11/13/2026	Ineligible	2/19/2027	Ineligible		Status Update 3/19/2027
Check/Probation		Check/Probation		Check/Probation		
Ineligible		Ineligible		Ineligible		

"Traditional" Status at the Grading Period

Students must have an unweighted 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA), passed a minimum of 4 classes, and failed no more than one class during the previous quarter, trimester, or semester to be on "traditional status".

"Non-Traditional" Status at the Grading Period

Students who have LESS than an unweighted 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) and/or did not pass a minimum of 4 classes and/or failed more than one class during the previous quarter, trimester, or semester are on "non-traditional status" until, at least, the next quarter, trimester, or semester status update.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY CHECK PROCEDURES

To determine each three-week grade check date, ensure the following: (a) occurs on the last day of the school week, (b) occurs 15 school days (or the equivalent) from the beginning or ending of a grading period (quarter/trimester/semester), (c) occurs 15 school days (or the equivalent) from another grade check date, and (d) is conducted no less than two times during a 45 school day grading period or three times during a 60 school day grading period. The first grade check date for a season may not occur prior to the first possible date for contests.

"Traditional" status: Students must have earned a minimum of two units of credit and have passed at least four classes for the preceding quarter, trimester, or semester with a 2.0 unweighted GPA. Students may have only failed a maximum of one of the classes they were enrolled in during the preceding quarter, trimester, or semester. If a student is failing a class at any three-week grade check, they will have a one-week probation to raise the grade to passing before becoming ineligible and will be checked weekly until they are passing that course or they meet the quarter, trimester, or semester requirements (whichever comes first).

"Non-traditional" status: Students who did not receive an unweighted 2.0 GPA, and/or did not pass a minimum of 4 classes and/or failed more than one class during the previous quarter, trimester, or semester are ineligible but may regain eligibility at the first three-week grade check or any subsequent check during the season. If the student is failing a class at any three-week grade check, they will be immediately ineligible until the next three-week grade check with no probation week. If the student is passing all classes at the three-week grade check, they are eligible until the next three-week grade check but remain on non-traditional status until the next Status Update.

"Non-traditional" status students may regain "traditional" status at the quarter, trimester, or semester (whichever comes first) by receiving a 2.0 unweighted GPA, passing four or more classes, and receiving no more than one failing grade. "Traditional" status students may lose this status if they do not meet all of these requirements. All athletes are checked at the end of each quarter, trimester, and semester that occurs during a season. All students' statuses are updated on the Status Update date, which is the first school day after grades are posted.

Coaches are to be given a list of all students receiving a failing grade on the Check/Probation date. "Traditional" status students receiving a failing grade are on probation for one week and checked on the following week. Students still failing the same course are declared ineligible for the week (Monday through Saturday). "Traditional" status students are checked weekly if they continue to fail the same course from the Check/Probation date. "Non-traditional" status students are immediately ineligible until the next three-week grade check or quarter, trimester, or semester grades are posted and their status is updated (whichever comes first).

Students are to be deemed ineligible, per regulation, until the school athletic department verifies the student's eligibility on a subsequent check. Students cannot regain eligibility at any time during the week they are ineligible.

It is the school's responsibility to request grades for students attending technical academies, community colleges, home school, charter schools, etc.