INFORMATION FOR DETERMINING NCAA FRESHMAN ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY

You can also visit or call the NCAA at www.ncsasports.org or 1-866-495-5172

The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed that impact the class of 2023 and beyond, and whether college-bound student-athletes will be eligible for practice, competition and financial aid in their first year at an NCAA Division I or II college or university.

Division I Changes – Overview – Starting with the class of 2023

1. The minimum grade-point average (GPA) you can have to be considered a 2.3 GPA.
2. The NCAA requires prospective D1 athletes to complete ten (10) core courses before the start of your final semester of high school. Seven (7) of the courses need to be in English, Math, and Natural or Physical Science.
3. Although the NCAA stopped making the SAT or ACT mandatory in 2020, you may still need to take them. Some colleges continue to expect these scores for admission and specific scholarships may request them too. It's a good idea to check what each college and scholarship requires to make sure you meet all the criteria.

DIVISION I		DIVISION II	
16 CORE COURSES		**16 CORE COURSES**	
16 Core Courses:		**16 Core Courses:**	
4	years of English	3	years of English
3	years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).	2	years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).	2	years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
1	year of additional English, math, or natural/physical science	3	years of additional English, math, or natural/physical science
2	years of social science	2	years of social science
4	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or Comparative religion/ philosophy)	4	years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/ philosophy)

Please note: Computer-science courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses. ******21st Century Communications and Intro to Algebra 2 and Physical Math are NOT NCAA-approved classes. Speak with your School Counselor to make sure your courses are NCAA approved.***

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

- Only courses that appear on the NTHS approved NCAA courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA.
- **Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.2.

For more information regarding the new rule, please go to www.ncaa.org. Click on "Student-athletes and Parents" in the "Custom Home Pages" section. You may also visit the clearinghouse Web site at www.ncsasports.org.