



Eligibility Center

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# Overview

- What is the NCAA?
- Initial-Eligibility Requirements
- Role of the High School
- Certification Process
- **NEW REQUIREMENTS**

# Overview of the NCAA

- Voluntary organization that governs intercollegiate athletics
  - Division I
    - 346 member schools
    - Typically larger schools
    - Athletic grants-in-aid available
  - Division II
    - 282 member schools
    - Typically small to medium sized
    - Athletic grants-in-aid available
  - Division III
    - 449 member schools
    - Typically smaller schools
    - Grants-in-aid cannot be athletically based

# Who Makes the Rules?

- **NCAA Membership**
  - Representative structure in Division I
  - Convention voting in Divisions II and III
  - Academic rules generally vetted through academic committees
    - Input from secondary school community

# What is NCAA Initial Eligibility?

- Academic requirements that a prospective student-athlete (PSA) must meet to:
  - Practice
  - Compete
  - Receive athletics aid (scholarship)
- First year at a Division I or Division II college/university
- Subsequent years governed by progress-toward-degree academic requirements
  - An enrolled student-athlete may gain/lose eligibility in each term

# Evolution of Initial Eligibility

- 1973: 2.000 minimum high school GPA
- 1986: 700 SAT/15 ACT; 11 core courses, core GPA: 2.000
- 1995: 700 SAT/17 ACT; 13 core courses, sliding scale (DI)
- 2003: Amended sliding scale, 14 core courses (DI)
- 2005: 14 core courses for DII
- 2008: 16 core courses for DI
- 2013: 16 core courses for DII
- 2016: **NEW REQUIREMENTS**

<b>Student Athletes</b>	<b>Men's Basketball</b>	<b>Women's Basketball</b>	<b>Football</b>	<b>Baseball</b>	<b>Men's Ice Hockey</b>	<b>Men's Soccer</b>
High School Student Athletes	545,844	438,933	1,108,441	471,025	36,912	398,351
High School Senior Student Athletes	155,955	125,409	316,697	134,579	10,546	113,815
NCAA Student Athletes	17,500	15,708	67,887	31,264	3,944	22,573
NCAA Freshman Roster Positions	5,000	4,488	19,396	8,933	1,127	6,449
NCAA Senior Student Athletes	3,889	3,491	15,086	6,948	876	5,016
NCAA Student Athletes Drafted	48	32	255	806	11	49
<b>Percent High School to NCAA</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>Percent NCAA to Professional</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Percent High School to Professional</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.03%</b>	<b>0.08%</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>	<b>0.04%</b>

# Commonly Used Terms

- Prospective Student-Athlete (PSA): a student who wishes to participate in intercollegiate athletics
- Qualifier: PSA who meets all initial-eligibility rules. May practice, compete and receive athletics aid
- Partial Qualifier: Division II only; a PSA who meets some but not all initial-eligibility rules. May practice and receive athletics aid but cannot compete during the first year
- Nonqualifier: PSA who does not meet the initial-eligibility rules. No practice, no competition and no athletics aid during the first year

# Four Elements of Initial Eligibility

- Graduation from high school
- Minimum number of core courses
- Minimum grade-point average in those core courses
- Minimum SAT or ACT test score

# NCAA Initial-Eligibility Requirements

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Division I</u>	<u>Division II</u>
English	4	3
Math	3	2
Science	2	2
Social Science	2	2
English, Math or Science	1	3
Other Core	4	4
<u>Total</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>

# NCAA Division I Sliding Scale

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*Use for Division I prior to August 1, 2016*

Core GPA	SAT	ACT
2.675	740-750	61
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2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
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2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	860	71

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# Division II and Division III Requirements

- **Division II**
  - Minimum 2.000 core-course GPA
  - Minimum 820 SAT (critical reading/math only) or minimum 68 sum ACT
  - “Partial Qualifier”
- **Division III**
  - Based on admission standards
  - No specific NCAA requirements

# Test Scores

- SAT:
  - Critical reading and math are used. Writing section is not used
- ACT:
  - All four subject areas (English, math, science, reading) are combined for the sum score

Test Date	Critical Reading	Math	Total
10/10	<b>450</b>	450	900
12/10	400	<b>500</b>	900
Best Score	450 from 10/10	500 from 12/10	<b>950</b>

# NCAA Definition of a Core Course

- English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion;
- Academic, four-year college preparatory;
- Algebra I or higher;
- Taught by a qualified instructor; and
- At or above the high school's regular academic level

# NCAA Definition of a Core Course

- “Typical” core courses:
  - AP Calculus BC, Biology, Advanced Composition, French V
- “Typical” non core:
  - Consumer Math, Personal Finance, Resume Writing, Fundamentals of Algebra
- Not so easy:
  - Film Literature, Transition to College Math, English 9 CP2, Conceptual Physics etc.

# NCAA Legislation for Nontraditional Courses

- Requires teacher/student access and interaction
  - Must be required
  - Must be for the duration of the course
  - Teaching, evaluating and providing feedback
- Defined time period for completion
  - Allows staff to compare/contrast with what was actually completed
- Student work must be made available
  - Suggests learning management system

**High School's NCAA Courses**

HS Information	
High School Code	481142
High School Name	APEX LEARNING
Address	1215 4TH AVE STE 1500 SEATTLE WA - 98161
Primary Contact Name	KATHIE BACH
Primary Contact Phone	206-381-5615
Primary Contact Email	206-381-5601
Secondary Contact Name	STEVE MORRIS
Secondary Contact Phone	2069238144
Secondary Contact Fax	2063815601
School Website	Not Available
Last Update of List of NCAA Courses	21-Nov-12



**Additional Information**

**Courses taken through this school/program meet NCAA nontraditional core-course legislation. The courses listed below represent only courses taken directly through Apex Learning Virtual School. They do not represent courses that are purchased and implemented by partnering districts, schools or other programs.**

**Legal Disclaimer:** The list of NCAA courses, and courses contained within, are maintained as a guide for prospective student-athletes seeking NCAA initial-eligibility. The list of approved courses does not, nor is intended to, signify accreditation, certification, approval or endorsement of any high school or specific courses by the NCAA or NCAA Eligibility Center and is subject to change at any time and without notice. Core course information included on this Web site is provided for guidance purposes only and should not be solely relied on as an indication of NCAA initial-eligibility. Certification of a prospective student-athlete is case-specific, and the Eligibility Center has the authority to determine in its sole discretion whether the prospective student-athlete has met all criteria.

# How the Process Works

- PSA registers with NCAA Eligibility Center
  - Registration may occur at any time
  - Academic and amateurism questions
    - Finalize amateurism status on/after April 1 of senior year
- PSA sends ACT and/or SAT scores to EC by using 9999 at time of test registration (uploads to EC system)
- High school personnel sends transcript(s) to EC

# How the Process Works

- Prioritization
  - “Ready to process” with all documents
  - PSAs on an Institutional Request List
- EC academic certification staff performs evaluation
  - Compares courses on transcript to courses on high school’s list of NCAA courses and inputs those that match
  - Inputs grade and credit
  - Quality control checks performed
  - Computer calculates courses, grades, credits, test scores against algorithm

# Role of the High School

- (1) Update List of NCAA Courses annually
- (2) Transcripts for juniors and seniors who have registered
  - Electronic transcripts
  - HS Portal reports
- (3) Fee Waivers



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## Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center High School Portal

Thank you for working with us to help ensure your student-athletes are prepared for the rigors they will face in college. You play an integral role in the initial-eligibility certification process for your college-bound student-athletes, which means the relationship between your high school and the Eligibility Center is very important.

We recognize that your time is valuable, and appreciate your willingness to help. This is important because the initial-eligibility certification process is most successful when responsibility is shared among students, families, high schools, colleges/universities and the Eligibility Center.

Once you have logged in to the system, you will be able to do the following:

- Submit core course changes (new titles, old titles, title changes) for your school;
- Update your school's Eligibility Center contact information;
- Run reports on students from your high school who have registered with the Eligibility Center;
- Submit fee waiver verification for eligible students.

Please [Click here](#) to log in as a High School.

Please [Click here](#) to log in as a District.

- Please [Click here](#) to subscribe to the NCAA Eligibility Center Newsletter.



## Important New Rules

- ▶ [What are the New Rules?](#)
- ▶ [New Division I Rules -- Power Point](#)
- ▶ [Quick Reference Sheet](#)

## How and When to Update Your List

- ▶ [Changes to the Look and Use of the List of NCAA Courses](#)
- ▶ [How to Use High School Portal](#)
- ▶ [How to Update Your List](#)
- ▶ [When to Update Your List](#)
- ▶ [Changing Course Titles](#)
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- ▶ [When Courses are Audited](#)
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## Transcript Information

- ▶ [Check on the Receipt of a Transcript](#)
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- ▶ [Register for e-Transcript Service](#)
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## Online, Virtual, Nontraditional Courses

- ▶ [Nontraditional Course FAQ](#)

## Grading Scales and GPA Information

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- ▶ [Calculation of the Core GPA](#)
- ▶ [Pass-Fail Grades](#)

## ACT and SAT Information

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## Eligibility Rules

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- ▶ [Recruiting](#)
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## Contact Information

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## Student Registration and Student Information

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- ▶ [Fee Waiver Submission](#)
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- ▶ [How to Check on Transcript/Test Score Receipt](#)
- ▶ [Look Up Registered Students](#)
- ▶ [Registration Website Guide for Students](#)
- ▶ [Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities](#)
- ▶ [When Should Students Register?](#)

## International Student-Athlete Information

- ▶ [Canadian Six-Digit Codes](#)
- ▶ [Lists of NCAA Courses for Canadian Provinces](#)
- ▶ [Credentials by Country](#)
- ▶ [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility](#)

## Other Links

- ▶ [2012-13 Your Path to the Student-Athlete Experience Presentation \(for Counselors\)](#)
- ▶ [2012-13 Your Path to the Student-Athlete Experience Presentation \(for Students\)](#)
- ▶ [Fax/Email cover sheet](#)
- ▶ [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)
- ▶ [Guide to International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility](#)
- ▶ [Divisions I and II Worksheets](#)
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- ▶ [Transcript Release Form](#)

# NEW Requirements

- For students enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

<u>Status</u>	<u>Athletics Aid</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Competition</u>
Nonqualifier	No	No	No
Academic Redshirt	Yes	Yes	No
Qualifier	Yes	Yes	Yes

# NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY 101

NCAA Eligibility Center representatives will be providing information on the academic requirements, as well as the registration and certification process for students to participate in Division I or II college athletics. Informational materials will be provided, and a question and answer session will follow.



**2.3** Or Take a  
**KNEE**

Your GPA isn't the only challenge. If you don't have the core GPA, the test scores or the right core courses in high school, you don't play in college. Don't let academics hold you back. Check out [2point3.org](http://2point3.org).

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# Overview of Changes

- Full Qualifiers must:
  - Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required;
  - Ten core courses required before beginning of the seventh semester.

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2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
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2.075	980	83
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	2.400	860	71
	2.375	870	72
	2.350	880	73
	2.325	890	74
	2.300	900	75
ACADEMIC REDSHIRT	2.299	910	76
	2.275	910	76
	2.250	920	77
	2.225	930	78
	2.200	940	79
	2.175	950	80
	2.150	960	81
	2.125	970	82
	2.100	980	83
	2.075	990	84
	2.050	1000	85
	2.025	1010	86
	2.000	1020	86

# Core Course Progression

- Must complete 10 core courses before seventh semester of high school (e.g., senior year).
- Of the 10 core courses completed, seven must be in the area of English, math, or science.
- These 10 core courses become “locked in” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
  - A repeat of one of the “locked in” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins.

# Sharing What's Worked

- Develop a comprehensive plan
  - Who needs to be involved?
  - What messages need to be delivered? When?
  - How?
- Strategies
  - 8th-9th grade transition
  - Annual check-ups
  - Annual NCAA Info nights
  - Social media, newsletters, email blasts

# Helpful Information

- [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
  - 2011-12 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete
  - High school portal; resources page
- 877/NCAA-EC1 (877/622-2321)
  - Dedicated to the high school community



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