

ROADMAP TO INITIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS



Eligibility Center

NCAA Eligibility Center
Expires September 1, 2010

Eligibility Center Responsibilities

The NCAA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the eligibility of every college-bound student-athlete in NCAA Divisions I and II using the following two areas:

- Academic Certification.
 - Does the college-bound student-athlete meet the legislated minimum academic requirements?
- Amateurism Certification.
 - Has the college-bound student-athlete jeopardized his or her amateur status?



Initial-Eligibility Overview: Academics

- Academic initial-eligibility requirements *are different* for each of the three divisions.
- It is possible for a college-bound student-athlete to be eligible in one division and not another.



Initial-Eligibility Overview: Academics

NCAA Division I Academic Requirements

- In order to practice, compete and receive institutional financial aid as a freshman, a student-athlete must:
 - Graduate from high school;
 - Earn a minimum required grade-point average (GPA) in 16 approved core courses; and
 - Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches the core-course GPA (refer to the “sliding scale” in the *NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete*).



Initial-Eligibility Overview: Academics

NCAA Division II Academic Requirements

- In order to practice, compete and receive institutional financial aid as a freshman, a student-athlete must:
 - Graduate from high school;
 - Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in 14 approved core courses; and
 - Earn a combined SAT score of at least 820 (critical reading and math) or an ACT sum score of at least 68.
 - No sliding scale for Division II.
- * Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.



Initial-Eligibility Overview: Academics

NCAA Division III Academic Requirements

- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools.
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the institution.



Core-Course Requirements

Division I

16 Core Courses

- 4 years English
- 3 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science
- 2 years social science
- 4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

Division II

14 Core Courses

- 3 years English
- 2 years math (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school)
- 2 years additional English, math or natural/physical science
 - 3 years 2013 and after
- 2 years social science
- 3 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)
 - 4 years 2013 and after



Initial-Eligibility Overview

New Legislation:

- **Early academic certification waiver for Divisions I and II.**
 - Final certification to academically qualified students following six semesters of coursework.
- **Core-course time limitation for Division I.**
 - Students must complete required coursework in eight semesters from the beginning of grade nine.



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Early Certification Waiver

- Students who meet the following criteria after six semesters will be certified as qualifiers:
 - Minimum SAT (math and critical reading) of 1000 or minimum sum score of 85 on the ACT;
 - **For Division I:** Core-course GPA of 3.0 or higher in a minimum of 13 core courses:
 - 3 English;
 - 2 math;
 - 2 science; and
 - 6 additional core courses.
 - **For Division II:** Core-course GPA of 3.0 or higher in a minimum of 12 core courses:
 - 3 English;
 - 2 math;
 - 2 science; and
 - 5 additional core courses.



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Core-Course Time Limitation for Division I Only.

- If students do not complete the 16 core-course requirement "on time" in eight semesters, any core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
 - "On time" means that students have four years (eight semesters), based on when students start grade nine (freshman year), to earn 16 core-course credits and required GPA needed to qualify.
 - Students who do graduate on time may use one course toward their initial eligibility.



Initial-Eligibility Overview: Amateurism

- The Eligibility Center encourages student-athletes to update their athletics participation information often, especially if they participate in events outside of the normal high school season.
- Have your student-athletes meet with you often, to make sure that they are protecting their amateurism and are also meeting their core-course requirements.
- Stay college eligible – always ask before you act!
- NCAA Amateurism Certification Web site:
www1.ncaa.org/membership/ach/index.html.



ALWAYS ASK BEFORE YOU ACT!

Amateurism Red Flags

Ask questions before:

- 🚩 Signing a contract with a professional team.
- 🚩 Receiving money for participating in athletics.
- 🚩 Receiving prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- 🚩 Playing with professional athletes.
- 🚩 Trying out, practicing or competing with a professional team.
- 🚩 Receiving benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- 🚩 Agreeing to be represented by an agent.
- 🚩 Participating in organized competition after your first opportunity to enroll in college.



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Role of the High School

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- Make sure your school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses is accurate and up to date.
- Encourage your college-bound student-athletes to complete the registration process at the beginning of their junior year.
- Send official transcripts at the end of the college-bound student-athlete's sixth semester (junior year) and eighth semester (graduation from high school).
- Submit fee waivers online for student registration when applicable.



Ways That Your Staff Can Help

- Know the initial-eligibility requirements.
- Use resources to map out the academic track.
- Know how to calculate a student's core-course GPA.
- Know that special considerations are given to students with documented education-impacting disabilities.
- Create an efficient system to process Eligibility Center applications (including submission of an official transcript at the end of the junior and senior years).



Ways That Your Staff Can Help

- Help students identify colleges that fit their criteria (e.g., academics, size, distance from home, location).
 - Apply the “broken-leg test” by asking if the student would be happy if athletics could not be factored into the equation.
- Emphasize the importance of academic performance at every step of the college-bound student-athlete’s high school career – grade nine counts!!!
- Did we mention...make sure that your NCAA List of Approved Core Courses is as accurate and up to date as possible?
- Call us with any questions! **877/622-2321 (877/NCAA-EC1)**



Definition of a Core Course

- A course that qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following: English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Is considered four-year college preparatory;
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level;
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or a higher level mathematics course; and
- Is taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority.



Make Sure List of Approved Core Courses Is Up to Date

- To obtain your school's list:
 - Log on to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
 - Select “For High Schools” at the top of the screen.
 - Select “List of Approved Core Courses.”
 - Follow prompts to select school by name or your six-digit College Board (CEEB) code.



Make Sure List of Approved Core Courses Is Up to Date

- To update your list:
 - Go to the Eligibility Center's Web site at eligibilitycenter.org.
 - Select "For High Schools" at the top of the screen.
 - Click on "High School Administration" then on "H.S. Administrator Login."
 - To log in, use your six-digit College Board (CEEB) code and self-selected five-digit PIN. If you have forgotten your school's PIN, the login page will instruct you on how to establish a new PIN.
 - After logging in, click on "Submit Core-Course Modifications" and follow the prompts from there.



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The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website interface. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. A navigation bar contains the following items: Welcome, About the NCAA, Divisions, Sports, For Parents, For High Schools, and Resources. In the top right corner, there is a login section with 'LOGIN' and 'NEW ACCOUNT' tabs, fields for 'Username' and 'Password', a 'Forgot password' link, and a 'GO' button. A blue callout bubble with the text 'Click here.' points to the 'For High Schools' menu item. The main content area features a large paper graphic with the following text: 'Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Your student-athlete experience begins here. At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience. Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information. Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.' Below this text is a calendar with a photo of a student-athlete and a 'Resources' marker. To the right is a 'Checklist:' section with two items: 'Create account' and 'Complete registration'. A man in a dark sweater and jeans stands on the right side of the page. A yellow cord and a red 'Sports' marker are visible at the bottom left.



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Welcome to NCAA Eligibility Center web application

ATTENTION: The NCAA Eligibility Center will be closed Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The Web site will be available during this time. There will be normal hours of operation Monday, July 7.

- Fall 2008 enrollees need to request final amateur certification by signing the 10.1 statement at this time.
- Official test scores must be sent from the testing agency using code 9999. Test scores that appear on a high school transcript will not be accepted.
- Those graduating in 2008 who plan to attend an NCAA Division I institution must have 16 core courses.

Please click on the link below that applies:

- **Prospective Student-Athletes**
A prospective student-athlete is someone who is looking to participate in intercollegiate athletics at an NCAA Division I or Division II institution in the future.
- **High School Administration**
- **Member Institutions**
- **General Information (including eligibility rules)**

Click here.



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Leaving the "Submit Core Course Modifications" screens idle for longer than 30 minutes may result in the loss of data and require re-entry of information.

Student Score Reports and scores taken directly from a transcript are NOT usable. Prospects should request through ACT or SAT to have test scores sent to code 9999. Also, please be advised the Eligibility Center will not accept faxed transcripts. High school transcripts must be mailed in a sealed envelope and be official documents to be used by the Eligibility Center.

The primary responsibility of a high school in relationship to freshman athletes certification is to make sure your school's list of approved core courses is accurate and up to date. It is the high school's responsibility to have an administrator check the content of each course for compliance with NCAA-defined standards of acceptability. If you wish to add new courses to the NCAA list, it is important to review their content and, if appropriate, submit them to the NCAA Eligibility Center for potential inclusion.

View Core-Course list

[VIEW HERE](#)

NCAA Core-Course Requirements

[IMPORTANT INFO](#)

Core-Course Review Instructions

[IMPORTANT INFO](#)

IMPORTANT! New Eligibility Rules ! Click [here](#) to read about the changes.

[List of Approved Core Courses](#) - Review the list of approved core courses.

[H.S. Administrator Login](#) - After successful login, high school administrators may:

- Submit core courses (additions, deletions and changes) for your High School
- Update the high school's eligibility center contact information
- Print graduation lists for mailing of final transcripts
- Contact the eligibility center via e-mail
- Submit online fee waiver verification for eligible students

Click here
to log in.



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- Administration Login
- List of Approved Core Courses (formerly 48H)
- General Information Eligibility Center Home

Login for High School Administration

Please enter your 6-digit high school code and your Personal Identification Number (PIN) below. District contacts, please begin the log-in process here by entering the high school code and 5-digit high school PIN for one of the institutions in your district. After selecting the "Submit Core Course Modifications" link, you will be prompted to enter your district code and 6-digit district pin.

High School Code:

PIN:

First Name:

Last Name:

I am authorized to view/submit information to the NCAA Eligibility Center on behalf of my high school.

I am the individual named above.

SUBMIT

If you have forgotten your PIN, you can mail or fax a new PIN (5-digit numeric only) to the eligibility center. Please place this request on official high school letterhead and have the principal and primary contact sign the letter. Include your 6-digit high school code. Please allow at least three business days and then try logging in with your new PIN.

The Eligibility Center mailing address is:
NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207
The Eligibility Center fax number is 317/968-5100.

This is where high school administrators get information on how to change their school's PIN if they have forgotten it.



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Welcome **MARILYN MONROE**,

You have entered a password protected area. To keep your information secure, please LOGOUT after completing your inquiries and updates. Your PIN protects unauthorized submissions or updates, so please take care to protect sharing that information.

Core-course review instructions [IMPORTANT INFO](#)

Please select from the options below:

[Submit core-course modifications](#) - submit revisions to your high school's core-course list.

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Click here to submit course modifications electronically.



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Important! The NCAA initial-eligibility rules have changed!

- In Division II, the current number of required core courses is 14.
- In Division I, the number of required core courses has increased to 16.
- Click [Here](#) to view Division I and II initial-eligibility standards
- Click [Here](#) to view Frequently Asked Questions
- Click [Here](#) to view information about students with disabilities
- Click [Here](#) to view information on English as a second language
- Click [Here](#) to view Division I & II worksheet
- Click [Here](#) to view the new rule
- Click [HERE](#) to update your list of approved core courses.

Check here if your school has no changes or modifications to your current list of approved core courses. Thank you for notifying the eligibility center.

DONE

Navigation Menu:

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If no changes are needed.

If a high school wants to update its list.

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Core Course Modifications Main Menu

Choose a type of course to add, change, delete, or identify as duplicative (i.e. courses containing similar or equivalent content). Click DONE to verify and save all your current changes. Character restrictions: if a course title contains an invalid character, it will need to be submitted by fax or mail. You may print the Core Course Submission form from this website.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Computer science courses cannot be used to fulfill core course requirements for student-athletes first entering a collegiate institution on or after August 1, 2005. However, computer science courses that receive high school graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science may be submitted for consideration.

Standard College Prep Courses

Courses for Students with Disabilities

ADD COURSE TITLES

ADD COURSE TITLES

CHANGE COURSE TITLES

CHANGE COURSE TITLES

DELETE COURSE TITLES

DELETE COURSE TITLES

DONE

Caution: Select "DONE" only when your school's entire set of modifications have been completed.

Submissions for regular college-prep courses.

Submissions for courses for students with education-impacting disabilities.



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Add Core Courses

IMPORTANT INFO

Choose subject(s) and number of standard college prep courses to add.

	Subject	Number of Courses to Add
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="text" value="3"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	<input type="text" value="2"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural/Physical Science	<input type="text" value="2"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social Science	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Additional Academic Courses	<input type="text" value="4"/>

CONTINUE

Administrator simply puts in the number of courses that need to be added to the list.

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Add Core Courses (Standard College Prep)

IMPORTANT INFO

Enter your recommended additions to your school's List of NCAA-Approved Core Courses. Please ensure that the course titles exactly match the terminology on your school's transcripts. Make certain you have reviewed the NCAA's definition of a core course before you submit the course(s) for addition.

English

Course Title

Video Production
Wallace, Gromit and Me
ABCs of Resume Writing

Mathematics

Course Title

How Much Does it Cost?
Math of Money, Money, Money

Natural/Physical Science

Course Title

Creepy Crawly Things
Dissecting Creepy Crawly Things

Check if Lab Course

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Social Science

Course Title

Embrace your Leadership Style!

Additional Academic Courses

Course Title

Welding for Everyone
Ceramics
Cooking in French
Keyboarding for Fat Fingers

The system provides fields for the administrator to type in the names of the classes being added, according to the number they typed in on the previous page.



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This is the next page the administrator sees.

ABCS OF RESUME WRITING	No		New
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Mathematics

Course Title	Disabilities	Status
HOW MUCH DOES IT COST	No	New
MATH OF MONEY MONEY MONEY	No	New

Natural/Physical Science

Course Title	Disabilities	Lab	Status
CREEPY CRAWLY THINGS	No	No	New
DISSECTING CREEPY CRAWLY THINGS	No	Yes	New

Social Science

Course Title	Disabilities	Status
EMBRACE YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE	No	New

Additional Academic Courses

Course Title	Disabilities	Status
WELDING FOR EVERYONE	No	New
CERAMICS	No	New
COOKING IN FRENCH	No	New
KEYBOARDING FOR FAT FINGERS	No	New

If the administrator wants to make more changes (title changes or deletions), click "Continue."

If you wish to make further updates select 'CONTINUE,' if you are finished please select 'DONE.' Leaving this form before selecting 'SUBMIT' on the authorization statement page (next page) will cause the loss of any data previously entered. Doing so will require you to re-submit your proposed changes and/or modifications.

Changing A Course Title

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Change Core Courses

IMPORTANT INFO

Choose subject(s) and number of standard college prep courses to change.

	Subject	Number of Courses to Change
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathematics	<input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural/Physical Science	<input type="text" value="1"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Science	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional Academic Courses	<input type="text"/>

CONTINUE

The administrator simply inputs the area and number of titles to be changed.

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Core Course Title Changes (Standard College Prep)

IMPORTANT INFO

To change a course title, select the current course title by clicking on the title box arrow and scrolling to the current title. Type in the new title making sure that the course title exactly matches the terminology on your school's transcript.

English

Course Title	New Title
AMERICAN LIT	Literature and You

Natural/Physical Science

Course Title	New Title
ANAT/PHYS	
ANATOMY/PHYS	
ASTRONOMY	
BIOLOGY	
BIOLOGY 10	
BIOLOGY 11	
BIOLOGY 9	
BIOLOGY/ADV	
BIOLOGY/COLLEGE	
BOTANY	

Administrator types in new title.

The system provides a drop-down menu of courses currently on the list to make changing titles easier. It works the same way if a high school wants to delete a course or courses that are no longer taught.

Courses for Students with Education-Impacting Disabilities

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Add Core Courses (Disability)

IMPORTANT INFO

Enter your recommended additions to your school's List of NCAA-Approved Core Courses. Please ensure that the course titles exactly match the terminology on your school's transcripts. Before you submit the course, you have reviewed the NCAA's definition of a core course before you submit the course.

*The disabilities course being added must be substantially comparable, quantitatively, to a regular core course offered in that academic area. Select the title of this equivalent course from the drop-down menu.

English

Course Title	Equivalent Title*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Social Science

Course Title	Equivalent Title*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

CONTINUE

Process is the same for submitting courses for students with education-impacting disabilities (EID). The equivalent course is a drop down from their current list, since EID courses must be comparable to a mainstream course. EID courses appear on the high school's list with an = sign next to them.



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Authorization Statements

Please enter your name(s), read the statements, and check boxes below to authorize your submission.

Person Submitting this Form

First Name:

Last Name:

- By checking this box, I, attest to the fact that I have read and understood the enclosed NCAA definitions of a core course and that all courses submitted meet NCAA core course standards. I am the person identified above and have been authorized by the Principal (or school district official) to supply this curriculum data to the Clearinghouse. I further attest to its accuracy and truthfulness according to NCAA defined standards.

Principal having reviewed the contents of this submission

First Name:

Last Name:

- By checking this box and entering my name above, I attest to the fact that I am the Principal (or school district official) and have reviewed all of the enclosed information regarding this school's (or district's) curriculum. I further attest to its accuracy and truthfulness according to NCAA defined standards. I also attest to the fact that the above school official has been authorized by me to submit these changes.

SUBMIT

Pressing "SUBMIT" more than once will result in multiple submission reports and will delay the processing of your request.

At the end of the process, the administrator must attest to the accuracy of the information and get the principal's sign off.



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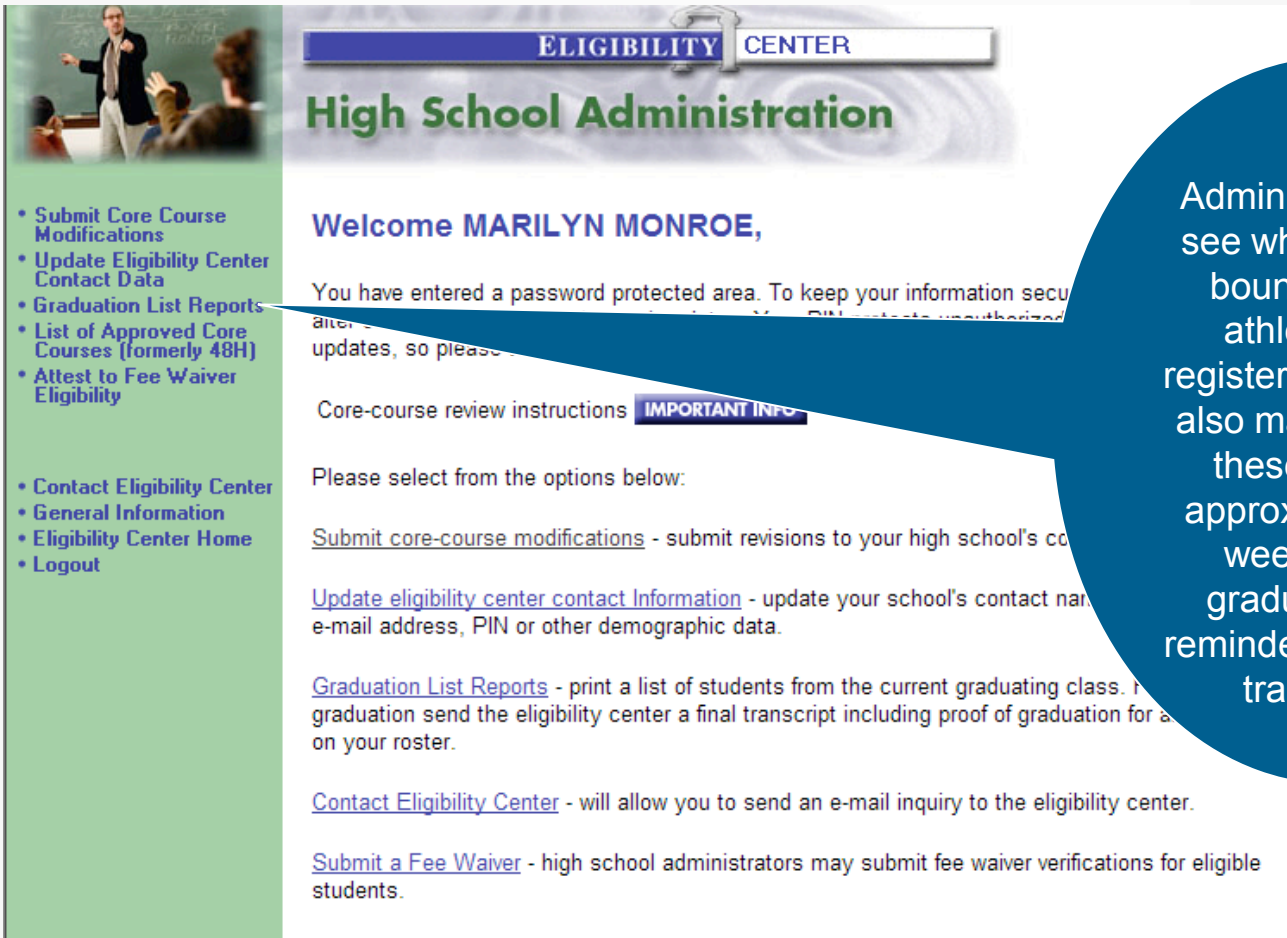
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Administrator can update high school contact info here.



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Administrators can see which college-bound student-athletes have registered. They are also mailed a list of these students approximately two weeks before graduation as a reminder to send the transcripts.



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Administrators can attest to a fee waiver for student-athletes here.





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Helpful Steps for Your College-Bound Student-Athletes

Steps Your College-Bound Student-Athletes Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Freshmen and Sophomores:

- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match their school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses. The Eligibility Center will only use approved core courses to certify initial eligibility.
- They can access and print their high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org, and clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.



Steps Your College-Bound Student-Athletes Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Juniors:

- At the beginning of their junior year, log on to the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org and register.
- Register to take the ACT, SAT or both, and use the Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient.
- Double check to make sure that they are taking courses that match their high school’s NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- Request that their high school guidance counselor send an official transcript to the Eligibility Center after completing their junior year. (*The Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts.*)
- Prior to registration for their senior year, check with their guidance counselor and the Eligibility Center to determine the number of core courses that need to be completed their senior year.



Steps Your College-Bound Student-Athletes Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Seniors:

- They may take the SAT and/or ACT as often as they feel necessary. The Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine their best cumulative score.
- Continue to take core courses.
- Check to make sure that they are taking courses that match their high school's NCAA List of Approved Core Courses.
- Review their amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).



Steps Your College-Bound Student-Athletes Must Take to Participate in NCAA Divisions I or II Athletics

Seniors:

- Continue to earn the best grades possible.
- Graduate on time (in eight academic semesters). If they fall behind, use summer school sessions prior to graduation to catch up.
- After graduation, request that their high school guidance counselor send their final transcript with proof of graduation.



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College-Bound Student-Athlete Registration

Registering with the Eligibility Center

At the beginning of the student-athlete's junior year:

- Log on to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Select the “New Account” button at the top right of the screen or the cell phone on the left side of the screen.
- Complete the registration.



Eligibility Center Registration

The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website interface. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. A navigation bar contains links for Welcome, About the NCAA, Divisions, Sports, For Parents, For High Schools, and Resources. In the top right corner, there are fields for Username and Password, with buttons for LOGIN, NEW ACCOUNT, and a GO button. A central graphic features a stack of papers with the following text:

Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
Your student-athlete experience begins here.
At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience.

Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information.

Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.

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To the right of the papers is a checklist titled "Checklist:" with two items:

- Create account
- Complete registration

Other elements include a Nokia phone on the left with a "Registered?" message, a calendar with a photo of a student-athlete, a "Sports" button, and a man standing on the right. A blue speech bubble on the right contains the text: "Students will click here to create or log into their account." pointing to the LOGIN/NEW ACCOUNT area.

Resources

- Eligibilitycenter.org for college-bound student-athletes to complete their registration and check their status with the Eligibility Center. Also to download and print a copy of the 2009-10 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.
- NCAA.org – Under “Academics & Athletes” section, click on “Eligibility and Recruiting” and then click on “Information for College-Bound Student-Athletes and Parents.”
- Act.org.
- Collegeboard.com.

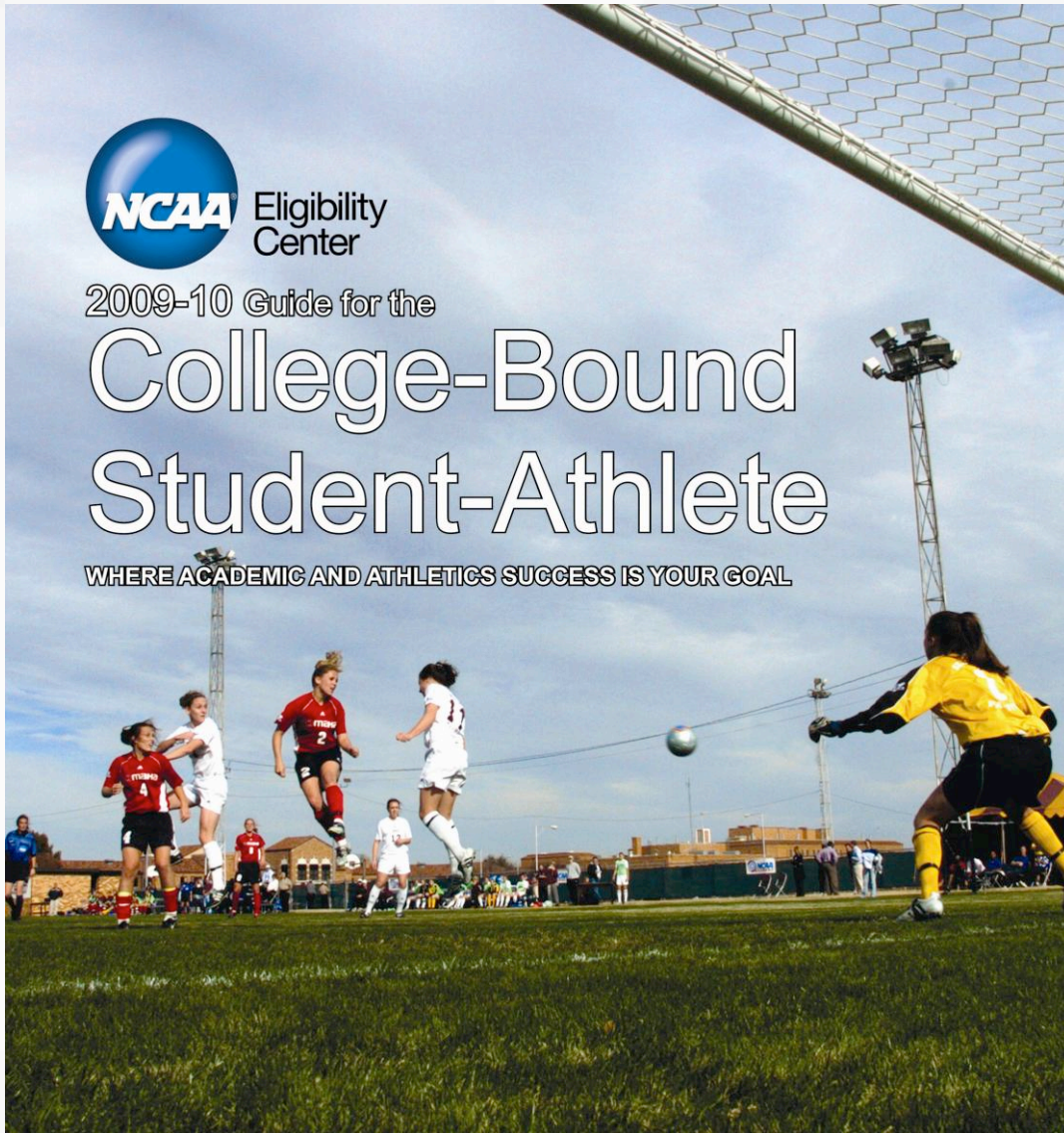


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Questions?

The Eligibility Center has created a high school direct phone line. Please contact the Eligibility Center with your questions at 877/622-2321.





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