

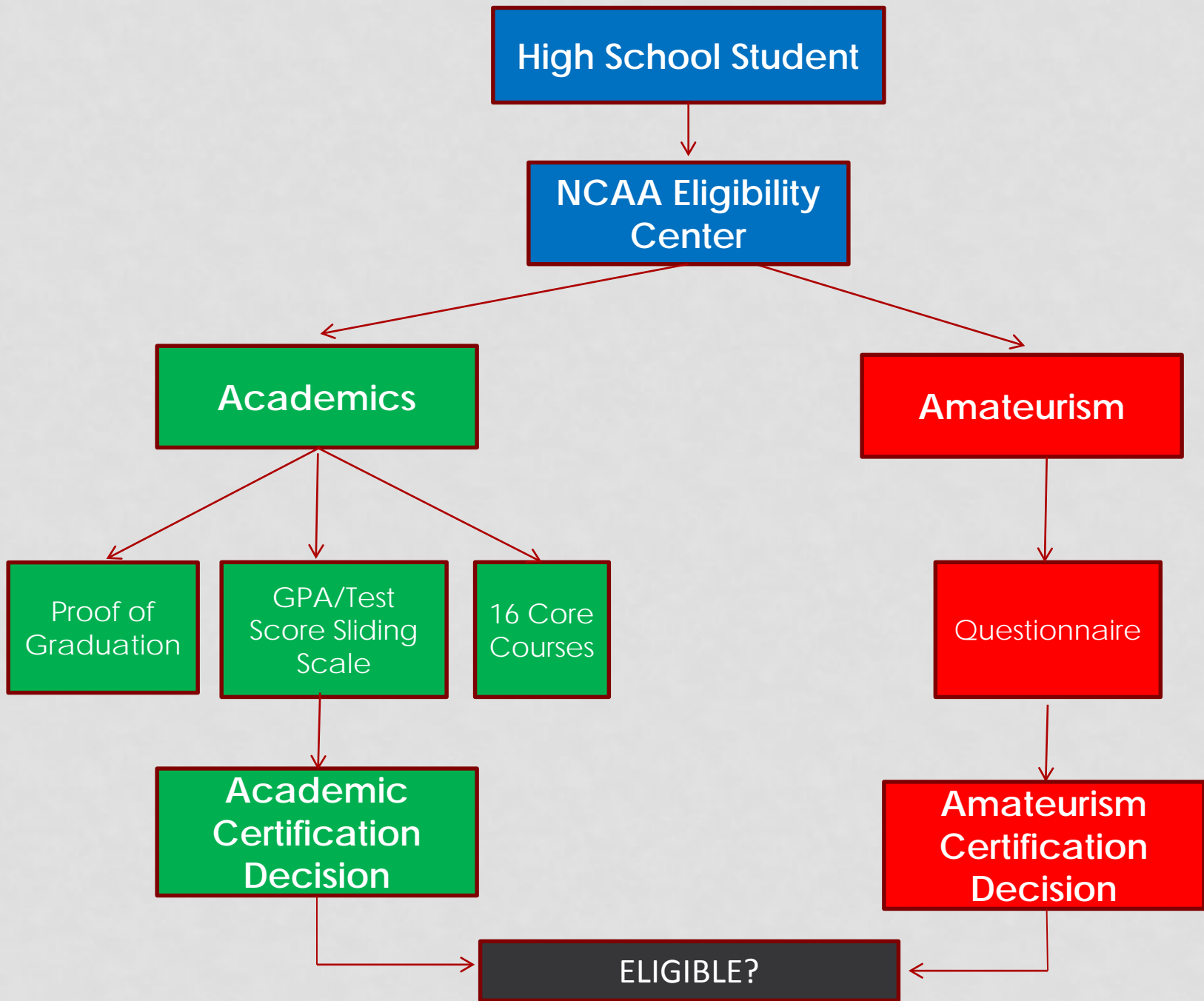


**NCAA - Initial Eligibility:  
Preparing to be a Student-Athlete  
Orange USD**

October 23, 2017

# ROAD MAP

- Introduction
- Core Courses
- Division I
  - Rules and Requirements
- Division II
  - Rules and Requirements
- Division III
- Conclusion



GETTING STARTED...



# WHAT IS A “CORE COURSE”?

- Determination made by NCAA Eligibility Center
  - Criteria:
    - Course must be a recognized academic course and qualify for high school graduation credit in one of the following areas: *English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy.*
    - Course must be considered college prep by the high school;
    - Math course must be at the level of Algebra I or higher;
    - Course must be taught by a qualified instructor as defined by the appropriate academic authority (e.g., high school, school district); and,
    - Course must be taught at the high school’s regular academic level.
    - \* *NEW- ESL Classes- Petition to be accepted as English Core*

# WHAT IS NOT A “CORE COURSE”?

- Courses in non-core areas or vocational courses
- Courses that prepare student for the world of work or life, or for a 2-year college or technical school
- Courses that are taught below grade level or at a slower pace, with less depth or rigor
- Courses that are not academic in nature
- Fine Art courses cannot be approved in any core area
- Computer Science courses at high schools that award technology credit

# LEARNING DISABILITIES

- Must be appropriately diagnosed (same standards as all other students)
- Accommodations
  - May take a nonstandard ACT or SAT test (e.g., extra time)
  - May use courses for students with education-impacting disabilities for the purpose of meeting core-course requirements.
  - Courses STILL must be on high school's 48-H
- "Plus Three" exception
  - Division I: Student must graduate 'on time' in order to use up to three additional approved core courses taken before full-time enrollment in college
  - Division II: May use any approved core courses taken before full-time collegiate enrollment
    - Not subject to limitation of 3 core courses

# CALCULATING CORE COURSE GPA

- Eligibility Center calculates the grade-point average on a 4.000 scale.
  - A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1; A 'pass' is classified as a D in pass/fail class
  - No plus or minus grades when calculating core course GPA
- If your high school uses a numeric scale, you need to provide NCAA with a conversion to a letter grade.
- Weighted scales can be approved for AP and Honor classes



## English

ANCIENT WORLD LIT & COMP
ENGLISH 10
ENGLISH 10/H
ENGLISH 11
ENGLISH 11/H
ENGLISH 12
ENGLISH 9
ENGLISH LANG AND COMP/AP
ENGLISH LITERATURE/AP
EXPOSITORY WRITING
INTENSIVE ENG COMP
JOURNALISM
MODERN WORLD LIT & COMP

## Natural/Physical Science

(AP) BIOLOGY
(AP) CHEMISTRY
(AP) PHYSICS C
AP ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ASTRONOMY
BIOLOGY
BIOLOGY (HON)
CHEMISTRY
CHEMISTRY (HON)
ECOLOGY I
ECOLOGY II
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
MARINE SCI
OCEANOGRAPHY
PHYSICAL SCIENCE
PHYSICS
PHYSICS (HON)
PHYSIOLOGY

## Sample Transcript

Course Title	Mark	S1	Cr	S2	Cr	Y	Cr
<b>[Redacted] Campbell Hall High School - Grade 9</b>							
ENGLISH 09		B-	0.5	B-	0.5		
HUMN DVLPMT		A	0.5				
FRENCH III H		B-	0.5	C	0.5		
GEOMETRY A		B-	0.5	C	0.5		
BIOLOGY		B+	0.5	C+	0.5		
ANCWLDHISGEO		B-	0.5	B	0.5		
PRINTMAKING FUND.				A	0.5		
INTRO TO ARTMAKING		A-	0.5				
Pilates				A	0.5		
[Redacted]		CR	0.5				
<b>[Redacted] Campbell Hall High School - Grade 10</b>							
ENGLISH 10		B	0.5	B	0.5		
FRENCH IV H		C+	0.5	B-	0.5		
ALGEBRA II A		B	0.5	B	0.5		
CHEMISTRY		B+	0.5	B+	0.5		
MODWLDHISGEO		B	0.5	B+	0.5		
PRINTMAKING		A-	0.5	A	0.5		
SCULPTURE and 3DIMENSIONAL		A-	0.5	A-	0.5		
DESIGN							
HS G-TENNIS		CR	0.5				
<b>[Redacted] Campbell Hall High School - Grade 11</b>							
ENGLISH 11						B	1
FRENCH V						B	1
PRE CALC FUND						B	1
PHYSICS						B-	1
US HIST / GOVT						B-	1
PRINTMAKING						A-	1
HS G-TENNIS		CR	0.5				
<b>[Redacted] Campbell Hall High School - Grade 12</b>							
ART HISTORY		B	0.5				
ENGLISH 12						B-	1
MUSIC HIST				B	0.5		
SenSem: RACE, POWER, AMERICAN IDENTITY		B+	0.5				
AP FRENCH						C	1
MARINE SCIENCE						A	1
AP PSYCHOLOGY						B	1
PRINTMAKING FUND.				A	0.5		
HS G-TENNIS		CR	0.5				

# NCAA DIVISION I ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS



# DI ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

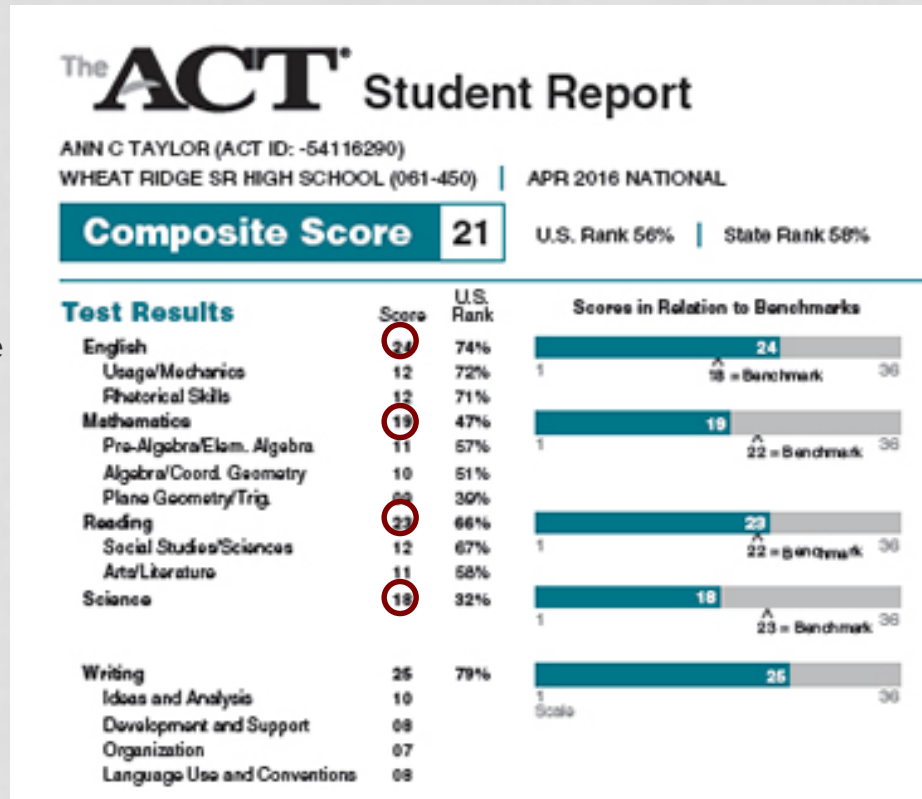
For college-bound student-athletes enrolling full time at an NCAA Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2016, there are three possible academic outcomes:

1. **Qualifier** = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.
2. **Academic redshirt** = athletics aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term (semester or quarter).
3. **Nonqualifier** = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.

# DI - CORE COURSE GPA AND TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT

- To be deemed Qualifier:
  - Has minimum Core GPA of 2.300
    - Core Course GPA, NOT Overall GPA on Transcripts
  - GPA meets corresponding SAT or ACT test score on sliding scale

- Use cumulative ACT Score
  - NOT composite score
  - Sum of English, math, reading, and science
  - Do not include writing score



# DI - CORE COURSE GPA AND TEST SCORE REQUIREMENT CONT.

- Best overall combined score of verbal and math from all SATs you have taken
- Refer to SAT Concordance Table to convert new score to old score for NCAA's sliding scale

SAT	Verbal	Math
Test 1	610	440
Test 2	600	490

New SAT Total Score (400-1600)	Old SAT Total Score (400-1600)
1010	930
1020	940
1030	950
1040	960
1050	970
1060	980
1070	990
1080	1000
1090	1010
1100	1020
1110	1030
1120	1040
1130	1060
1140	1070
1150	1080
1160	1090
1170	1100
1180	1110
1190	1120
1200	1130
1210	1140

# DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE

(ABBREVIATED)

Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum		Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum
3.550 & above	400	37		2.700	740	61
3.500	420	39		2.600	780	64
3.400	460	42		2.500	820	68
3.300	500	44		2.400	860	71
3.200	540	47		2.300	900	75
3.100	580	49		2.200	940	79
3.000	620	52		2.100	980	83
2.900	660	54		2.000	1020	86
2.800	700	57				

The full sliding scale can be found at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) under Resources.

# DI - CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- **Qualifier Requirements:**

- Core Course Requirement (16)
- Core Course GPA (2.3)
- Test Score (sliding scale)
  - Combination of best test scores will be used to certify students
- Proof of Graduation
- Time limitation
  - Must complete 10 core courses before 7<sup>th</sup> semester of high school (e.g., senior year)
  - Of the 10 core courses completed, 7 must be in English, Math or Science
  - Those 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 7<sup>th</sup> semester begins.

# CORE COURSE BREAKDOWN

Discipline	Number of Courses
English	4 years
Math (algebra I or higher)	3 years
Natural or Physical Science (inc. lab)	2 years
Additional English, Math or Science	1 year
Social Science	2 years
Additional Courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy)	4 years

- Time Limitation
  - You must complete core curriculum not later than the high school graduation date of the prospect's class
- "Plus 1" Exception
  - One core course after high school graduation



# DI - EARLY ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

- Students who meet the following criteria after six semesters will be certified as qualifiers:
  - **DI:** Minimum score of 900 SAT/75 ACT and core course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 14 core courses:
    - English – 3 years;
    - Math – 2 years;
    - Natural or Physical Science – 2 years;
    - 2 additional core courses in English, Math, or N/P Science; and
    - 5 additional core courses in any NCAA core area.

*Still need to send FINAL transcripts to Eligibility Center before February 1<sup>st</sup> of the freshman year*

# DI - ACADEMIC REDSHIRT: REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICE

- ▶ 16 core courses in the following areas:
  - 4 years English,
  - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher,
  - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered by any school attended);
  - 1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  - 2 years social science; and
  - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.
- ▶ Minimum required GPA.
  - Minimum GPA of **2.000-2.299** in 16 core courses.
- ▶ Sliding scale.
  - Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.



# DI - Sliding Scale for Academic Redshirt

## Athletics Aid and Practice (Abbreviated)

Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum	Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum
3.550 & up	400	37	2.700	740	61
3.500	420	39	2.600	780	64
3.400	460	42	2.500	820	68
3.300	500	44	2.400	860	71
3.200	540	47	2.300	900	75
3.100	580	49	<b>2.299</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>76</b>
3.000	620	52	<b>2.200</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>79</b>
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# WHAT IF A STUDENT DOES NOT MEET EITHER SET OF REQUIREMENTS?

If a college-bound student-athlete does not meet either set of requirements, he/she is a **nonqualifier**.

A **nonqualifier**:

- ▶ Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.
- ▶ Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university.
- ▶ Note: Some institutions do NOT allow nonqualifiers

# NCAA DIVISION II ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS



*I chose*  
Division II

# NCAA DII NEW ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

## Division II

- In order to be eligible for competition on or after August 1, 2018, students must...
  - Complete the required 16 core courses. There still is not a time limitation to complete the core courses
  - Earn a minimum 2.200 GPA or better in your core courses.
  - Earn a Minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 core-course GPA on the full qualifier **sliding scale**.
    - SAT- Only count critical reading and math sections
    - ACT- Score is sum of English, math, reading, and science

# NEW COMPETITION SLIDING SCALE FOR DII

Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum
3.300 & above	400	37
3.200	440	41
3.100	480	43
3.000	520	46
2.900	560	48
2.800	600	50

Core GPA	SAT*	ACT Sum
2.700	640	53
2.600	680	56
2.500	720	59
2.400	760	62
2.300	800	66
2.200	840	70

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# DII - EARLY ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

Minimum score of 1000 SAT or 85 sum ACT, and core course GPA of 3.000 or higher in a minimum of 12 core courses:

- English – 3 years;
- Math – 2 years;
- Natural or Physical Science – 2 years; and
- 5 additional core courses in any NCAA core area.

*Still need to send FINAL transcripts to Eligibility Center before February 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year*



# DIVISION III ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS



Division III

**DISCOVER | DEVELOP | DEDICATE**

# DIII - ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

- Not certified by NCAA Eligibility Center
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university.
- DIII Model
  - No athletic aid
  - Shorter playing and practice seasons
  - Lower number of contests
  - Focus on regional and conference play

# RECOMMENDATIONS

- Start planning now!
- Grades as a freshman/sophomore/junior year MATTER
- Around the beginning of junior year, begin the online registration with the Eligibility Center
- Register to take the ACT, SAT or both
  - Use the NCAA Eligibility Center code '9999' as a score recipient
  - Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used
- Send official transcripts to the Eligibility Center after completion of junior year
  - ***Prefer electronic submission***
- Update and manage the school's 48(H)
- If students fall behind, use summer school session before 7<sup>th</sup> semester to "catch up"
- REMINDER to send final official transcript to the Eligibility Center with proof of graduation
  - Letter from high school to university may be requested for early/summer enrollment

# FINANCIAL AID (SCHOLARSHIPS)

- Financial Aid comes in many forms
  - Governmental assistance(PELL Grant)
  - Institutional “need” aid vs. Institutional “merit” aid
  - Outside scholarships, Loans, Work Study, etc.
  - Extracurricular scholarships (e.g., Athletics)
- Division I
  - May combine athletics aid with all other scholarships EXCEPT institutional “need” aid
- Division II
  - Financial aid is “packaged” to find best combination for student
- Division III
  - NO athletics financial aid

# NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT BASICS

- Not required to sign an NLI
- In general, NLI is signed only for first year of college
- Agreement to attend the institution for one academic year in exchange for receiving athletic aid for one academic year
- Must have an athletics aid component to agreement (1%-100%)
  - NEW - Multi-year financial aid agreements now available
- Does not guarantee playing time or being a member of a team
- Release from NLI may be requested
  - Extenuating circumstances
  - If not released, basic penalty is a year in residence at second institution
    - Eligible for athletic aid and practice at second institution

# DI - ATHLETICS AID

- Equivalency (divisible) vs. Head Count (limited by numbers receiving athletics aid)
  - Scholarship limits are sport specific

- **Equivalency**

- The equivalent value of aid can be divided any way to entire team

- Men's Sports

- Baseball- 11.7
- T&F/XC- 12.6
- Golf- 4.5
- Soccer- 9.9
- Swim & Dive- 9.9
- Tennis- 4.5
- Water Polo- 4.5
- Wrestling- 9.9
- Volleyball- 4.5

- Women's Sports

- Softball- 12
- T&F/XC- 18
- Golf- 6
- Soccer- 14
- Swim & Dive- 14
- Lacrosse- 12
- Water Polo- 8

- **Head Count**

- Limited by the number of counters on a sport

- Men's Sports

- Football- 85
- Basketball- 13

- Women's Sports

- Basketball- 15
- Volleyball- 12
- Tennis- 8
- Gymnastics- 12

- Athletically-related aid can be awarded for 1-year or multiple years\*

# Final Reminders

- Core Course GPA Increase
  - Division I- 2.3 GPA
  - Division II- 2.2 GPA
- Additional *Division I* Requirements
  - Must complete 10 core courses before 7<sup>th</sup> semester of high school (e.g., senior year)
  - 7 of the 10 courses must be in English, Math or Science
  - Those 10 core courses are 'locked in' for the purpose of GPA calculation

Visit [USCtrojans.com/athleticcompliance](http://USCtrojans.com/athleticcompliance) for more information

## QUESTIONS?

CALL OR EMAIL AT ANY TIME WITH QUESTIONS

# WHERE TO SEND TRANSCRIPTS

- Transcripts must be official and cannot be faxed. Transcripts must be mailed or sent via overnight delivery.

## Mailing Address:

NCAA Eligibility Center  
Certification Processing  
P.O. Box 7136  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46207-7136

## Shipping/Overnight Address:

NCAA Eligibility Center  
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

## Electronic Transcripts (PREFERRED):

The following service providers are sending transcripts electronically. These are received and processed within 24 hours.

- Docufide
- e-Scrip Safe
- ConnectEdu
- National Transcript Center
- XAP



# WWW.ELIGIBILITYCENTER.ORG



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# NCAA 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, Resources, and Contact Us. In the top right corner, there is a LOGIN and NEW ACCOUNT section with fields for Username (email) and Password, and a Forgot password link. The main content area features a large, stylized collage of items: a stack of papers with a welcome message, a checklist, a calendar, a photo of a student-athlete, a marker, a yellow lanyard, a red whistle, and a smartphone. A speech bubble points to the LOGIN and NEW ACCOUNT section.

**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.

**Checklist:**

- Create account
- Complete registration

Follow the Eligibility Center on Twitter

Click here to create or log onto your account.

# MY PLANNER PAGE

**NCAA** Eligibility Center

## My Planner

REGISTERED

- ABOUT ME
- MY COURSEWORK
- MY SPORTS 
- MY TASK LIST (2 open tasks)
- MY TRANSCRIPTS
- MY TEST SCORES

# HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS



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# HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL RESOURCES PAGE

 **High School Portal**

Home | Login | Resources | List of NCAA Courses

- Important New Rules**
  - ▶ What are the New Rules?
  - ▶ New Division I Rules -- Power Point
  - ▶ Division II Core-Course Reminder
  - ▶ [Quick Reference Sheet](#)
  - ▶ High School Letters
- How and When to Update Your List**
  - ▶ Uploading Pending Course Documents Tutorial
  - ▶ 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
  - ▶ Removing Courses No Longer Taught
  - ▶ How to Request a New PIN for established accounts
- Core-Course Information**
  - ▶ Definition of a Core Course
  - ▶ Common Core-Course Questions
  - ▶ Check on the Status of a Course
  - ▶ Deadline for Taking Courses
  - ▶ When Courses are Audited
  - ▶ Fax/Email Cover Sheet
- Transcript Information**
  - ▶ Check on the Receipt of a Transcript
  - ▶ E-Transcripts
  - ▶ Multiple High School Transcripts
  - ▶ Register for e-Transcript Service
  - ▶ Transcript Release Form
  - ▶ Where to Send Transcripts
- Online, Virtual, Nontraditional Courses**
  - ▶ Nontraditional Course FAQ
- Grading Scales and GPA Information**
  - ▶ Grading Scales and How to Update
  - ▶ Calculation of the Core GPA
  - ▶ Pass-Fail Grades
- ACT and SAT Information**
  - ▶ Check on Receipt of a Student's Score
  - ▶ Deadline for Taking SAT/ACT
  - ▶ Minimum Test Requirements
  - ▶ Multiple Test Scores
  - ▶ Reporting Test Scores
- Eligibility Rules**
  - ▶ General Rules
  - ▶ New Division I Rules -- Power Point
  - ▶ Quick Reference Sheet
- Athletics Information**
  - ▶ Financial Aid
  - ▶ National Letter of Intent
  - ▶ Probability of Playing Past High School
  - ▶ Recruiting
  - ▶ Which Colleges Sponsor Which Sports
- Contact Information**
  - ▶ Fax/Email cover sheet
  - ▶ General Contact Information
- Student Registration and Student Information**
  - ▶ Correcting Errors in Student Information
  - ▶ Eligibility Process for Students
  - ▶ Fee Waiver Submission
  - ▶ Home School
  - ▶ How Students Are Prioritized
  - ▶ 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
  - ▶ Current High School Newsletter
  - ▶ High School Newsletter Archive
  - ▶ PIN Request Form
  - ▶ Quick Reference Sheet
  - ▶ Transcript Release Form

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## 2.3 OR TAKE A KNEE

To play Division I sports, you need to qualify academically. To meet the minimum requirements for Division I student-athletes enrolling in college in August 2016 or later you must:

- Graduate from high school
- Complete 16 Core Courses, including 10 before your seventh semester
- Earn a minimum 2.300 Grade-Point Average in core courses to compete in your first year of college
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT score that matches your core-course GPA on a sliding scale. For example an 860 SAT score needs a 2.400 GPA for practice and aid and a 2.85 GPA for competition.



# NFHS COACHING EDUCATION COURSE

NCAA Initial Eligibility Online Course  
www.nfhslearn.com

The screenshot displays the user interface for the NCAA Coaching Education course. At the top left is the NCAA Eligibility Center logo. The main header reads "Coaching Education" in a large, white font. To the right of the header, it says "Welcome Demo Account" and "HELP". Below the header is a navigation bar with a table of contents on the left and navigation buttons on the right. The table of contents lists units from "Unit 1: Overview" to "Unit 5: Recap and Close", with "Introduction" highlighted in yellow. The navigation buttons include "<< PREVIOUS", "NEXT >>", and "PLAY". The main content area features a woman in a white top standing in a gymnasium, with the NCAA Eligibility Center logo and the NFHS logo overlaid. At the bottom, there are buttons for "TRANSCRIPT" and "RESOURCES".

Unit 1: Overview	1	2	<< PREVIOUS	NEXT >>	PLAY
Welcome					
Introduction					
NCAA Divisions					
NCAA Eligibility Center					
Unit 2: Involvement					
Unit 3: Amateurism					
Unit 4: Student Responsibilities					
Unit 5: Recap and Close					
Course Evaluation					