



**If you're planning on playing college sports at a Division I or II level, read this carefully!**

**Important Information for College Bound Athletes!**

In order to play sports for an NCAA Division I or II school at the collegiate level, the NCAA Eligibility Center must **certify** your eligibility.

**It is the responsibility of the athlete and parent to read, understand, and follow the proper procedures to ensure eligibility.**

**THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**

The NCAA Initial Eligibility Center is an agency that certifies all student athletes eligible for Division I and Division II college athletics.

No NCAA school or program may allow an athlete to be on scholarship or to play in any inter-collegiate contest during his/her freshman year in college unless they have been declared eligible by the Eligibility Center.

Initial eligibility is determined by the Eligibility Center. More information can be found on the NCAA website at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).

**To Be Eligible for College Athletics, You MUST...**

- Graduate from high school.
- Earn a satisfactory grade point average in an approved core curriculum of at least 16 academic courses from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Receive the necessary score on the SAT or ACT college entrance exam(s). Necessary score depends on your GPA. See chart on NCAA website.
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**\*NCAA DIVISION I Core Curriculum Requirements:**

<u>Credits</u>	<u>Subject</u>
4	<b>English</b>
3	<b>Math:</b> 1 year Algebra and 1 year Geometry or a class that has Geometry as a prerequisite
2	<b>Natural or Physical Science:</b> Including 1 year of a lab science if offered by your high school
2	<b>Social Science</b>
1	<b>Additional Course:</b> English, Math or Science
4	<b>Additional Credits:</b> English, Math, Science, Social Science, World Language, Philosophy, Non-doctrinal Religion
<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CORE COURSES</b>

Ten of the 16 core classes must be taken prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade (see details for requirements below).

\*Courses taken in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade **MAY** count toward the core course requirements.

**More detailed information about the following items can be obtained on the NCAA website:**

- Home Schooled Students
- NCAA Core Curriculum
- NCAA Eligibility Center
- Waivers for special circumstances
- Recruiting guidelines
- Amateur Certification

# CORE CURRICULUM

The NCAA Initial Eligibility Center will have all of the approved core curriculum courses from each high school on file. A copy of the approved core courses will also be on file in the Counseling Office at your high school.

Your core curriculum must follow the guidelines set forth by the NCAA. Depending on your grade point average in the core curriculum classes, you will need to receive a corresponding score on the SAT or ACT college entrance exam. The sliding GPA/Test Score Scale can be accessed on the eligibility center website: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Students must have a minimum GPA of 2.3.

To be fully qualified for athletic competition as a college freshman, you must have met the following criteria:

- Minimum GPA of 2.3.
- Ten of the 16 core courses must be completed before the senior year of high school.
- Seven of the 10 must be in English, Math or Science.
- Grades earned in the 10 required courses before the senior year are "locked in" courses for the purposes of GPA calculation.
- A core class cannot be repeated to improve the GPA after the senior year begins.
- New sliding GPA/Test scale. Access the scale online at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org).
- Athletes who do not meet the Full Qualifier requirements may meet Academic Redshirt or Non-Qualifier requirements. See details on the eligibility center website.

Some suggested steps toward certification:

- Carefully read all available information. Go to [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) for NCAA guidelines.
- Make an appointment with your high school counselor to review your transcripts and current class schedule.

- Review your school's approved Core Courses (available on the NCAA website) to understand which courses can be used to meet the NCAA core curriculum requirements.
- Before the end of your junior year, take the **SAT and/or ACT exams**. Exam scores must be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center directly from the test agency. Use the NCAA code, 9999 when registering for the SAT or ACT.
- At the end of your junior year or the beginning of your senior year, **register** with the NCAA Eligibility Center by going online to the NCAA website: [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org). Click on "NCAA College Bound Student-Athlete," then click on "New Account". Follow the directions to register. A \$90.00 fee is charged to register which may be paid with a check or credit card. (See your counselor if you are a low-income student for a fee waiver).
- **Request a transcript** to be sent to the Eligibility Center. Transcripts will be uploaded directly to the Eligibility Center.
- If you have attended schools outside the Central Kitsap School District in grades 9-12, you may need both your current high school and your previous high school transcript sent to the Eligibility Center. See your counselor for details.
- Fill out the required NCAA Amateurism questionnaire. Go to the Eligibility Center website for more information.
- If you make schedule changes your senior year, be sure that the new courses will meet the core course requirements.
- At the end of your senior year, the Counseling Office will upload your final transcript to the Eligibility Center. Remember, **it is your responsibility** to request a final transcript to be sent to the college you will be attending.
- **Running Start** students should check with their counselor for eligibility information.
- If at any time you have questions about the guidelines, you may call the Eligibility Center at (1-877-262-1492.)