

# NCAA Guidelines for College- Bound Student Athlete

## WHO is NCAA?

National Collegiate Athletic Association is a group of presidents and athletic directors who set standards for student-athletes.

### Division I

If you want to participate and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school (graduate in 8 semesters with your incoming 9th grade class)
- Complete these 16 core courses:
  - 4 years of English
  - 3 years of math (algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered at your high school
  - 1 extra year of English, math or natural or physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 4 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion or philosophy);
- Earn a minimum required grade points average in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT or ACT sum score that matches your core-course grade point average and test score sliding scale ( for example, 2.400 core-course grade point average needs an 860 SAT). See the complete core and test score sliding scale by visiting the [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

### Division II

If you want to participate and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year, you must:

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete these 14 core courses:
  - 3 years of English
  - 2 years of math (algebra 1 or higher)
  - 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab science if offered at your high school)
  - 2 additional years in English, math, or natural or physical science
  - 2 years of social science
  - 3 years of extra core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, Non-doctrinal religion or philosophy); and
- Earn a 2.000 grade-point average or better in your core courses; and
- Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

## What is a core course?

A core course must:

- Be an academic course in one or a combination of these areas: English, mathematics, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, nondoctrinal religion or philosophy;
- Be a four-year college preparatory;
- Be at or above your high school's regular academic level (no remedial, special education or compensatory courses); and
- Be completed not later than the high school graduation date of your class (as determined by the first year of enrollment in high school (ninth grade) or the international equivalent).

**Note: Not all classes in high school may be used as core courses. Courses completed through credit-by- exam will not be used.**

Go to [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) and click on "General Information," you will find Divisions I and II worksheets, which will help you keep track of your completed core courses, units, grades and credits you received from them, plus your ongoing grade-point average.

## Grade Point Average

The Eligibility Center will calculate the grade - point average of your core courses on a 4.000 scale. The best grades from your NCAA core courses will be used. Grades from additional core courses you took will be used only if it improves your grade-point average.

- A – 4 points
- B – 3 points
- C – 2 points
- D – 1 point
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Weighted courses (honors or advanced courses) may improve your core- course grade point average. To see if your high school has a weighted scale that is being used for calculating your core- course grade point average, visit [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

## Test Requirements

You must achieve the required score on the SAT or SAT before your full-time collegiate enrollment. You may take the ACT or SAT more than one time. You may use your best subscore from different test dates to meet the minimum standard. The writing component of the ACT or SAT will not be used to determine your qualifier status.