NCAA
(National Collegiate Athletic Association)

Three Divisions

- **Division I** – Largest, most competitive, most athletic scholarships available
- **Division II** – Some athletic scholarships, less competitive than Division I
- **Division III** – No athletic scholarships available, higher academic admissions standards. NCAA does not enforce regulations. Financial Aid assistance available
Freshmen and Sophomores Must:

• Start planning now!

• Work hard to get the best grades possible.

• Take classes that match their high school’s List of NCAA Courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify a student’s initial eligibility.
  • A-G courses

• Access and print their high school’s List of NCAA Courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org by clicking “Resources” at the top of the screen.

• If students fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up. (NCAA Virtual H.S. if needed $$$)
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.
Juniors Must:

• At the beginning of their junior year, complete their online registration at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
• Register to take the ACT, SAT or both and use the NCAA Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient.
• Double check to make sure that they are taking courses that match their high school’s List of NCAA Courses.
• Request that their high school counselor send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing their junior year. *(The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts.)*
• Official transcripts from each school attended!!
• Prior to registration for their senior year, check with counselor and the NCAA Eligibility Center to determine the number of core courses
Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

At the beginning of the student’s junior year:

• Go to www.eligibilitycenter.org.
• Select the link for college-bound student-athletes to enter.
• Then click the “New Account” button at the top right of the screen or the cell phone on the left side of the screen.
• Follow the instructions to complete the registration process.
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.

CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND...
Initial-eligibility standards are changing.

CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE
Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- Students should enter the “9999” code when registering for the ACT or SAT. This requests for the student’s official test scores to be sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- Test scores on high school transcripts will not be used.
Seniors!

- Take ACT/SAT again
- Check your list of core courses!
- Graduate on time (June 2021)
- Visit My Planner to check status of eligibility
- Request a final transcript after graduation
Graduate On Time

• Graduation "on time" means that if your high school graduation takes place June 1, you graduated June 1. If you don't graduate June 1 with the rest of your high school class, you have not graduated "on time."

• If you don't graduate "on time" in eight semesters, no core courses taken after the eighth semester will be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
DIVISION I CORE-COURSE REQUIREMENTS - page 17
16 Core classes (First 10 to be completed prior to start of 12th grades

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of math (Begin w/Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (*one lab)
- 1 year of additional English/math/science
- 2 years of social science (History)
- 4 years of additional core courses (any of the areas above or foreign language, non-doctrinal religion/philosophy)
- 4 X 4 = 16 Model
16 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).
3 years additional English, math or natural/physical science.
2 years social science.
4 years additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).
This is an abbreviated version of the index. For the full index, see the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net.

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New Legislation

Nontraditional coursework. How courses taken outside the traditional classroom are being evaluated for Divisions I and II certification. APEX Virtual H.S. per OUSD approval.

Early academic certification 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 (4 yrs) from the beginning of grade nine.
What are Nontraditional Courses?

Courses taught through:

- The Internet (online or virtual)
  - Ex) I-School
- Distance learning
- Independent study
- Individualized instruction
- Correspondence
- Computer software programs
- Other similar means
- THESE ARE NOT APPROVED by NCAA!
Early Academic Certification

- DI: minimum of SAT (math & reading only) score of 900 OR ACT sum score of 75 AND core course GPA of 3.0 in a minimum of 14 core courses.

  3 English
  2 Math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  2 Natural/Physical Sciences
  2 Additional core courses in English, Math, or Science
  5 Additional core courses in any area
Early Academic Certification

- DII: minimum of SAT (math & reading only) score of 1000 OR ACT sum score of 85 AND core course GPA of 3.0 in a minimum of 12 core courses.

  3 English
  2 Math (Algebra 1 or higher)
  2 Natural/Physical Sciences
  5 Additional core courses in any area
Core-Course Time Limitation

Division I
From the time a student enters the ninth grade, he/she has four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete his/her core-course requirement. If the student fails to complete high school "on time" in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will not be counted toward his/her NCAA academic eligibility requirements. "On time" also means that if the student’s high school graduation takes place June 11, he/she must graduate June 11. If the student does not graduate June 11 with the rest of his/her high school class, the student’s academic requirements have not been completed "on time."

Division II
A student is permitted to use all core courses completed from his/her ninth grade year until the time he/she enrolls full time at a college or university. (different than Div .1)
NEW for Class of 2016 and on NCAA Division I Initial- Eligibility Academic Requirements – page 8

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. **Full qualifier** = competition, athletics aid (scholarship), and practice the first year.

2. **Academic redshirt** = DID NOT meet requirements but does get athletic aid the first year, practice in first regular academic term, no playing (semester or quarter).

3. **Nonqualifier** = no athletics aid, practice or competition the first year.
Summary of Changes – 2016

• Minimum core-course GPA of 2.300 required
• Change in GPA/test score index (sliding scale)
• Ten core courses required before beginning of senior year.

The following slides explain these changes in further detail.
NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:
Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Students will need to meet the following requirements to receive athletics aid, practice and compete their first year:

• 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 at any high school attended);
  1 year additional English, math or natural/physical science;
  2 years social science (history)
  4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion, or history.

• Minimum required GPA:
  Minimum GPA of 2.300 in those 16 core courses.

• Graduate from high school on time!
**NCAA Division I Full Qualifier:**
Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

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

Minimum sum ACT or SAT (critical reading and math only) score that matches the 16 core-course GPA.

- Example: 2.500 core-course GPA requires 1000 SAT or 85 sum ACT.
- Example: 820 SAT or 68 sum ACT requires core-course GPA of 2.950.
NCAA Division I Full Qualifier: Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

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.*
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
  4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion.

• Minimum required GPA.
  Minimum GPA of 2.000 in 16 core courses.

• Academic redshirt sliding scale.
  Minimum sum ACT or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA.

  Example: GPA of 2.50 requires SAT of 820 or ACT sum of 68.
Academic Redshirt:
Requirements for Scholarship and Practice

- If a college-bound student-athlete meets these requirements, he/she can receive an athletics scholarship during his/her first year at an NCAA Division I college or university.

- If he/she meets these requirements, he/she can practice during his/her first term (e.g., semester, quarter) at a Division I college or university.

- After the first semester or quarter is complete, in order to continue to practice for the rest of the year, the student must be academically successful at the collegiate level.
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 athletic 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.
HELPFUL STEPS FOR STUDENTS
Best Test Scores Will Be Used to Certify Students – Take them more than once!

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ACT Sum Score

- English - 18
- Math - 18
- Reading - 17
- Science - 19

SUM SCORE = 72

On the NEW sliding scale, this student would have to have a core GPA of at least 2.375 to be a full qualifier.
Complete the Amateurism Questionnaire

• When you register, be sure to complete the amateurism questionnaire.

• Log in and click on “Enter/Update Amateur Questionnaire.”

• Answer the questions honestly. Don’t let anyone else complete this for you.

• Review your amateurism questionnaire responses and request final amateurism certification during your senior year (beginning April 1 for fall enrollees and beginning October 1 for spring enrollees).
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.
Athletic scholarships are awarded for **ONE** academic year at a time.

You will not be guaranteed a four-year scholarship in NCAA Division I or II, but one year scholarships can be renewed annually for a maximum of five years within a six year period.

Vary by University as well.
## AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS:

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CONSIDER THIS:

- Only Div. I & Div. II colleges offer athletic scholarships but... Division III programs can offer additional Financial Aid packages and academic grants for top students.
RECRUITING

- You are considered a “recruited prospective student-athlete” if you have been approached by a college coach or representative about participating in that college’s athletic program.

- NCAA guidelines specify how and when you can be contacted. Letters, telephone calls and in-person conversations are limited to certain frequency and dates during and after your Junior year.
During recruitment, a college coach may ask you to sign a National Letter of Intent. This says that you will attend a certain college for at least one year and it includes a financial aid package. After “signing” you are bound to that college with penalties if you do not follow through. Only your signature is binding. A coach’s verbal promise to offer a National Letter of Intent or your verbal promise to sign one is not. (Ex: Coach takes a new job)
Resources For more information or questions:

- NCAA Eligibility Center website at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

- NCAA Eligibility Center Customer Service:
  (714)997-6211 (Orange High School).
- Athletic Director, School Counselors, Coaches, and Administrators