

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

For Students First Entering College in
Fall 2016 and Later

NCAA by the Numbers

	Division I	Division II	Division III
Schools	346	318	451
Teams	6,494	4,755	7,837
Student-Athletes	175,738	112,391	185,000
Conferences	32	24	43
Average Undergraduate Enrollment Per School	12,377	4,165	2,592
Average Teams Per School	19	15	18
Average Student-Athletes Per School	518	354	417
Percentage of Students at Each School Who Participate in NCAA Sports	4%	8%	16%

NCAA Division I

- Committed to maintaining a high academic standard
- Offers the highest competition opportunities for athletics participation.
- Traditionally at DI schools, more money is invested into athletics than the other two divisions.
- Regional and National Competition
- Athletic Scholarships
 - Tuition and fees, room and board, books, and other expenses related to attendance at the school.
 - Multi-year scholarships
 - DI schools may pay for you to finish your bachelor's or master's degrees after you finish playing NCAA sports.

Division II

- Student-athletes are recognized for their academic success, athletics contributions and campus/community involvement
- Regional Competition
- Athletic Scholarships
 - Tuition and fees, room, board and course-related books and supplies

NCAA Division III

- Focus on academic success while offering a competitive athletics environment
- Regional Competitions
- No athletics scholarships; 75% of Division III student-athletes receive some form of merit or need-based financial aid.
- Division III schools set their own admissions and eligibility standards. You can visit <http://NCAA.org/d3> or contact the Division III school you are planning to attend.

If you are planning to attend a Division III school, you do not need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

What is a NCAA Qualifier?

- Predictor for how incoming freshmen will be successful while managing:
 - Academics
 - Athletics
 - Practices
 - Competition
 - Travel
 - Social Life



How does a student qualify academically for DI or DII college athletics?

- Graduate from high school;
- Complete 16 core courses:
 - Note: Courses with similar content may be deemed duplicative by the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Earn a minimum required grade-point 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, a 2.400 core-course grade-point average needs an 860 SAT score).

Core Course

1. Be an academic, four-year college preparatory course in these subject areas:
 - English;
 - Math (Algebra I or higher);
 - Natural/physical science;
 - Social science;
 - Foreign language; or
 - Comparative religion or philosophy.
2. Be taught at or above your high school's regular academic level.
3. Receive credit towards high school graduation and appear on an official transcript with course title, grade, and credit awarded.

NCAA DI – Core Courses

Prior to Start of Senior Year

10 core courses prior to start of 7th semester

- 7 have to be in English, math or natural/physical science
- Once you begin your seventh semester, you may not repeat or replace any of those 10 courses for GPA improvement.

**THEY ARE LOCKED –
CANNOT BE REPLACED**

Total Needed

16 NCAA core courses:

- 4 years of English;
- 3 years of math (Algebra 1 or higher);
- 2 years of natural/physical science (including one year of lab science);
- 2 years of social science;
- 1 additional year of English, math or natural/ physical science;
- 4 additional years of English, math, natural/ physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy

NCAA DII

Enrolling **BEFORE** August 1, 2018

1. 16 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 your high school offers it);
 - 2 years of social science;
 - 3 additional years of English, math or natural or physical science; and
 - 4 additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.
2. Earn at least a 2.0 GPA in your core courses.
3. Earn an SAT combined score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.

Enrolling **AFTER** August 1, 2018

1. 16 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);
 - 2 years of social science;
 - 3 additional years of English, math or natural or physical science; and
 - 4 additional years of English, math, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy.
2. Earn at least a 2.2 GPA in your core courses.
3. Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score that matches your core-course GPA on the Division II competition sliding scale.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

- NCAA EC calculates your core-course GPA based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses. NCAA only your best grades. Grades from additional core courses will be used only if they improve your grade-point average.
- Your GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale.
- In Pass/Fail grading situations, the NCAA EC will assign your high school's lowest passing grade for a course in which you received a Pass grade.

**Westfield Public Schools
Grading Scale**

Grade	Max	Min
A	100	90
B	89	80
C	79	70
D	69	60
F	59	0

Test Scores

- NCAA only accepts test scores directly from the testing agency
- You may need to take the tests multiple times.
- Do not wait too long to take the test.
- The NCAA will take different portions from tests to get your best scores

Sliding Scale

Division I

- You need a minimum 2.3 core course GPA to compete during your freshmen year
- If you have a 2.0 to a 2.9 and meet the sliding scale, you may be eligible for an academic redshirt (you can practice & receive scholarship)
- If you are a non-qualifier, there are many schools where you will not be eligible even if you sit the year without participation

**Sliding Scale for Division I
before August 1, 2016**

Core GPA	SAT	ACT
3.550 & above	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	59
2.700	740	60
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840-850	70
2.425	860	70
2.400	870	71
2.375	880	72
2.350	890	73
2.325	900	74
2.300	910	75
2.275	920	76
2.250	930	77
2.225	940	78
2.200	950	79

**Sliding Scale for Division I
beginning August 1, 2016**

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3.425	450	41
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3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	76
2.225	930	77
2.200	940	78

SHIFT

Education Impacting Disabilities (EID)

If you have a documented EID, you still have to meet the initial eligibility standards.

- DI – You make take up to three additional core courses after graduation
- DII - You may take an unlimited number of core courses after starting 9th grade and before enrolling full time in college

You only have to notify the NCAA about your EID, if you plan on utilizing the exceptions for DI core courses.

Also, you should notify the college that you will be attending about your EID, as they may be able to provide you with the same accommodation(s) that you received at your high school. *Utilize all the resources available to you.*

Checking & Tracking Your Eligibility

Westfield High School Initial Eligibility Worksheet

Name: _____ Enrolled in 9th: _____ Graduation Year: _____

Note: The "List of Approved Core Courses" for every high school can be found at
<https://web3.ncaa.org/hsportal/exec/hsAction?hsActionSubmit=searchHighSchool>

Westfield Codes
WHS 222328
WTA 222330

ENGLISH (4 years required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0		0	0
				0		0	0
Totals:				4	0	0	0

MATHEMATICS (3 years required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
Totals:				3	0	0	0

PHYSICAL SCIENCE (2 years required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
Totals:				2	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL ENGLISH, MATH OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE (1 year required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	0.5	0	0
				0	0.5	0	0
Totals:				1	0	0	0

SOCIAL SCIENCE (2 years required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
Totals:				2	0	0	0

ADDITIONAL ACAD. COURSES (4 years required)							
Course	Grade	Year	Honors	Points	Units	Qual. Points	>Gr. 12
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0	1	0	0
				0	0.5	0	0
				0	0.5	0	0
Totals:				4	0	0	0

In progress or missing

of units prior to Senior year

Senior Core Courses

SAT & ACT Codes
NCAA Eligibility Center 9999

Total QP:	0
Total Units:	16
Core GPA:	0.000

SAT CR	
SAT Math	
SAT TOTAL	0
CR=Critical Reading	

ACT Eng.	
ACT Math	
ACT Read.	
ACT Sci.	
ACT SUM	0

Does this individual
meet the NCAA
initial eligibility

Misc. Comments:

Grade Conversion

A = 90 - 100
B = 80 - 89
C = 70 - 79
D = 60 - 69
F = 0 - 59

Eligibility Center Registration & Fee Waivers

Online Registration at eligibilitycenter.org

- Need a valid email address
- Enter all information applicable to you & select all sports that you are interested in playing
- Allow for 45 minutes to complete the registration process

Fee

- Your account will be eligible for processing once the fee has been paid (or submission of a fee waiver if you are eligible).
- You pay by debit, credit card, or e-check.
- \$75 fee for US & Canadian citizens
- \$130 for all other international students.

Fee Waiver

- You are eligible for a waiver of the registration fee if you have received a waiver for the SAT or ACT fee

National Letter of Intent (NLI)

- Commitment to a school (not the coach)
- Eliminates some recruiting restrictions by signing institution
- Eliminates other schools' abilities to recruit you
- Is only valid when accompanied by a financial aid agreement
- Three signing periods – you may only sign during your senior year
 - November (early)
 - February (early)
 - April (regular)

Scholarships

Athletics Scholarships

- Full scholarships vs. partial scholarships
- What you get is what you get
- You cannot compare yourself to other students on the team.
- Make sure you completely understand the terms of your scholarship
 - Scholarships cannot be decreased without giving you an appeal opportunity

Academic Scholarships

- May only be received on top of an athletic scholarship if you meet one of the following criteria:
 - 3.5 High School GPA
 - 1200 SAT or 105 ACT sum score
 - Top 10% of graduating class

What Do I Do Now?

Grade 9

- Start planning now
- Take the right courses
- Earn the best grades possible.
- Let your guidance counselor know that you are interested in playing sports in college
- Ask your guidance counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA-approved core courses to make sure you take the right classes.

What Do I Do Now?

Grade 10

- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you fall behind on courses, do not take short cuts to catch up. Ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses
- Let your guidance counselor know that you are interested in playing sports in college
- Ask your guidance counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA-approved core courses to make sure you take the right classes.

What Do I Do Now?

Grade 11

- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- Are you on track for graduation:
 - Check with your counselor to make sure you will graduate on time with the required number of NCAA-approved courses.
 - Make sure you are on track to graduate on time with your class.
- Ask your counselor to send or upload your official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center, once your grades are available. (If you took classes at more than one high school or program, you will need to submit an official transcript for each school.)

What Do I Do Now?

Grade 12

- Complete your final NCAA courses as you prepare for graduation.
- Take the ACT or SAT again, and submit your scores to the NCAA using code 9999.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to send or upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Only students on an NCAA Division I or II institution list will receive a certification.

Things To Think About

- What areas of study interest you?
 - Engineering, business, teaching, psychology, biology, etc.
- What schools have these programs?
- Do the schools that are recruiting me offer these programs?
- What if I don't know what I want to do?
 - You may want to attend a school that has diverse degree offerings
- Make sure you like the school and not just a coach
- Don't worry about what everyone else says, be happy and enjoy it while it lasts
 - Drive, Desire & Determination (and Grades)
- You have to work at it; it is not handed to you. Teams are made of stars from different schools, and coaches are continuously recruiting better players.

Things To Think About

- Coaches and schools are penalized for students who do not maintain their athletic eligibility from term to term. If you are not getting good grades in high school, coaches may not want to take a chance on you for their program.
- Student-athletes are scrutinized and held accountable more than other students on campus. Newspapers are quick to use athletes to get their point across.
- Social media use does impact recruiting. Your image is important to coaches because it is now reflective of them, their program and the university.