



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For High School Athletic Directors



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For High School Athletic Directors



Elizabeth Thompson

Associate Director

Outreach and Strategic Partnerships

NCAA



AGENDA

- » [What is the NCAA?](#)
- » [NCAA Eligibility Center.](#)
- » [NCAA Registration.](#)
- » [Certification Outcomes.](#)
 - [Division I.](#)
 - [Division II.](#)
- » [High School Portal Updates.](#)
- » [Resources.](#)















ELIGIBILITY CENTER



WHAT IS THE NCAA?

NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	 DIVISION I	 DIVISION II <i>MAKE IT YOURS</i>	 DIVISION III <small>DISCOVER DEVELOP DEDICATE</small>
ACTIVE SCHOOLS*	361 (33%)	293 (27%)	422 (39%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,800	2,100	1,700
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 22 	1 in 7 	1 in 5 
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	17	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	 37%	 24%	 38%
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available. 57% of athletes receive athletics aid.	Partial athletics scholarship model. 62% of athletes receive athletics aid.	No athletics scholarships. 80% of athletes receive nonathletics aid.
DID YOU KNOW?	 Division I student-athletes graduate at a higher rate than the general student body.	 Division II is the only division with schools in Alaska, Puerto Rico and Canada.	 Division III's largest school has 28,974 undergraduates. The smallest? 339.



NCAA SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

MEN:

Cross
Country
Football
Soccer
Water Polo

WOMEN:

Cross
Country
Field Hockey
Soccer
Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

MEN:

Basketball
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving
Wrestling

WOMEN:

Basketball
Bowling
Fencing
Gymnastics
Ice Hockey
Indoor Track
and Field
Rifle
Skiing
Swimming
and Diving
Wrestling

SPRING SPORTS

MEN:

Baseball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor Track
and Field
Tennis
Volleyball

WOMEN:

Beach
Volleyball
Golf
Lacrosse
Outdoor
Track
and Field
Rowing
Softball
Tennis
Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

WOMEN:

Acrobatics
and Tumbling
Equestrian
(Divisions I and II only)
Rugby
Stunt
Triathlon

*Women's wrestling newest championship for 2025-26.

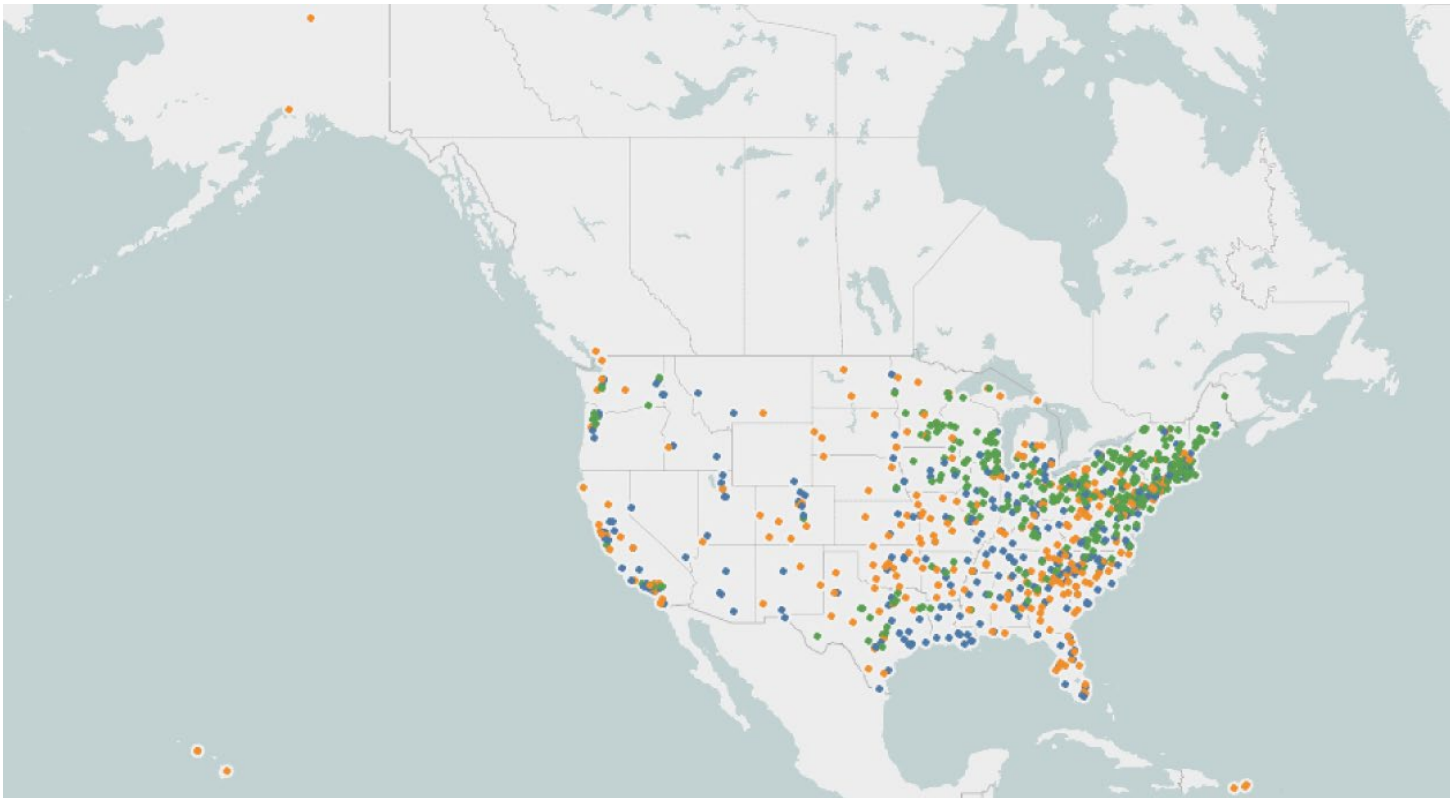
*Flag football will be voted on in January 2026 at NCAA convention to formally become the next emerging sport.

Note: Student-athletes competing in [emerging sports](#) must register with the Eligibility Center and meet the same standards as all other students.



NCAA SCHOOLS

- » Encourage your students to use this [interactive map](#) to locate NCAA schools they're interested in attending.





ELIGIBILITY CENTER



NCAA
ELIGIBILITY CENTER



NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

- » **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- » **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- » **What do we review?**
 - Student transcripts.
 - Student athletics participation.
- » **Why do we review?** To create fair and equitable competition across NCAA schools and divisions.



COLLEGE ADMISSION

- » Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before they can compete.
 - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school.
- » Ask college admission about:
 - Cost of attendance.
 - > Financial aid and scholarships.
 - > [FAFSA](#).
 - Standardized test scores.
 - > May be required for college admission or scholarships.
 - > **NOT** required for NCAA certification.
 - For more questions to ask, visit on.ncaa.com/choosingcollege.





WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

Creating an account is the first step toward becoming an NCAA student-athlete



REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR
SCHOOL IS IN?

[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools](#).

NCAA REGISTRATION

Best Practice: Register Before Freshman Year



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NCAA REGISTRATION

Three Account Types



**Academic
and Athletics
Certification Account**



**Athletics Certification
Account**



Profile Page Account

***Updated Account Names effective September 1, 2025.**



ACADEMIC AND ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #1



Required to compete at a Division I or II school:

- » Go on Division I [official visits](#).
- » Sign for athletics aid.
- » Receive an athletics scholarship.



Registration fee:

- » [Domestic students](#): \$110.
- » [International students](#): \$170.
- » Check to see if they meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



ATHLETICS CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2



Recommended for all [international student-athletes](#) planning to compete at a Division III school.



Registration fee:

» \$75.

» Check to see if they meet [fee waiver criteria](#).



Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.



PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #3



The right place to start for most students!

- » Not sure in which division they plan to compete.
- » U.S. students planning to compete at a Division III school.
- » Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event.



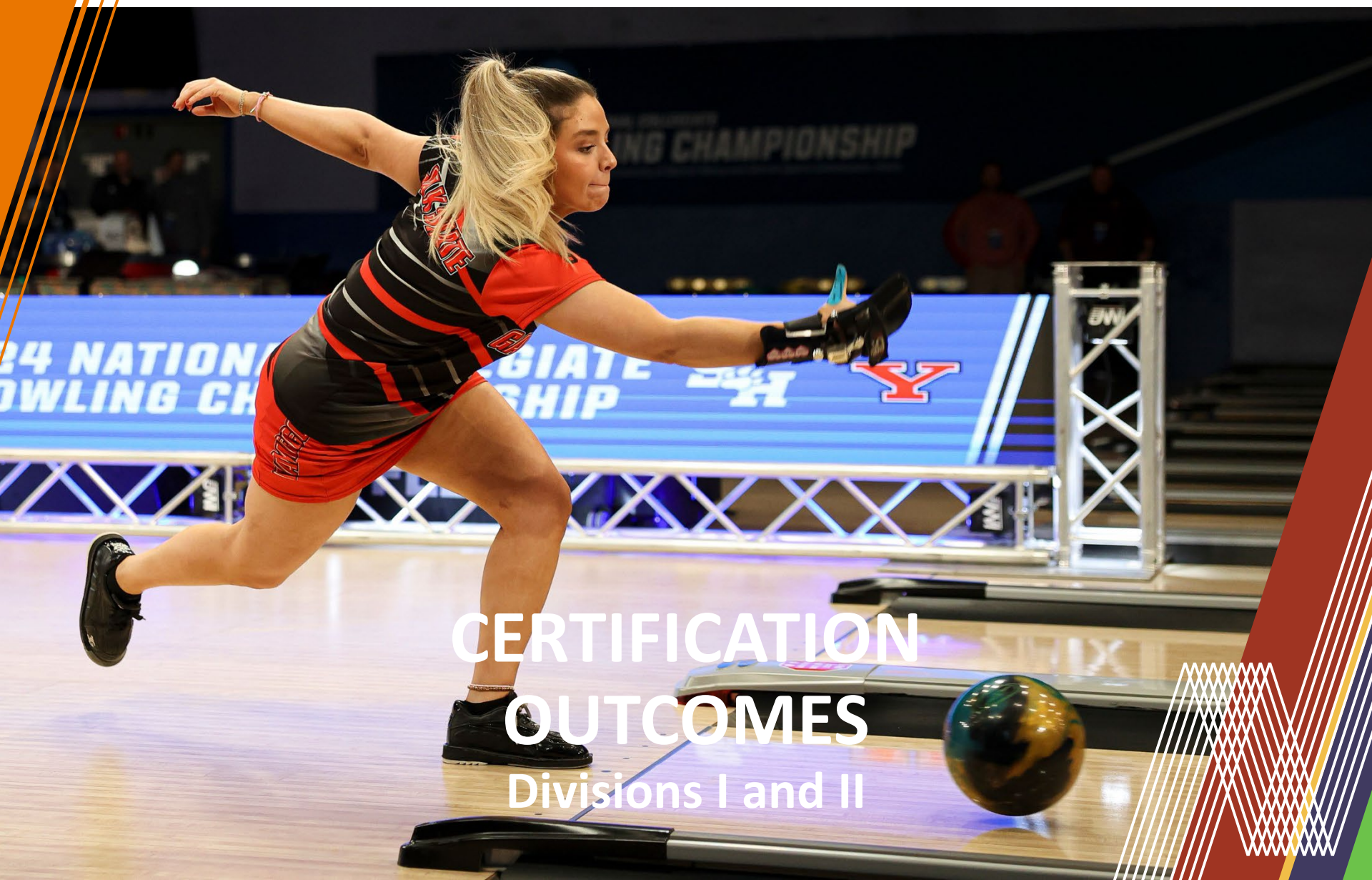
No registration fee.



If they're being actively recruited by an NCAA Division I or II school, help them transition their Profile Page account to a certification account.



ELIGIBILITY CENTER



CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II



Division I

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Academic Redshirt.](#)
4. [Nonqualifier.](#)





Division I

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Note: Based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 3.0 [core-course GPA](#).

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

Division I QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Complete 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in eight semesters from their initial start of ninth grade.



Meet the [10/7 requirement](#) before the start of their seventh semester.

- » Not required for students with solely [international](#) academic credentials.



Earn a minimum 2.3 [core-course GPA](#).



DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

Subject Area Breakdown

ENGLISH

4 Years

MATH
(Algebra I
or higher)

3 Years

SCIENCE
(Including one
year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years

**EXTRA
ENGLISH, MATH
OR SCIENCE**

1 Year

**SOCIAL
SCIENCE**

2 Years

ADDITIONAL
Any area listed
or world language,
comparative religion or
philosophy

4 Years



Division I

ACADEMIC REDSHIRT



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.0 core-course GPA.

- » First Year Athletics Aid.
- » First Term Practice.
- » ~~Compete.~~



Division I

NONQUALIFIER



Not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.



Encourage your students to check with the compliance office at the NCAA school they may attend to discuss their options.

» Athletics Aid. —

» Practice. —

» Compete. —



Division II CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. [Early Academic Qualifier.](#)
2. [Qualifier.](#)
3. [Partial Qualifier.](#)



- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

Division II

EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

Note: Based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Earn 14 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.5 [core-course GPA](#).



ELIGIBILITY CENTER



Division II QUALIFIER



Earn 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits in the required subject areas.



Earn a minimum 2.2 core-course GPA.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.



Division II

PARTIAL QUALIFIER



May receive athletics aid and practice but may NOT compete during their first year of full-time enrollment.



Encourage your students to check with the compliance office at the NCAA school they may attend to discuss their options.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » ~~Compete.~~



DIVISION III

- » While Division III schools set their own academic standards on campus, the Eligibility Center certifies the amateurism status of Division III international student-athletes.
 - All other Division III student-athletes are certified on campus.
- » International student-athletes enrolling at a Division III school must register with an Athletics Certification account and receive their final amateurism certification before they can compete.
- » Effective Fall 2026, domestic student-athletes enrolling at a Division III school will need to register with a Profile Page account.



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FLYERS

Scan the QR Codes Below



Division I
Academic Standards



Division II
Academic Standards



Division III Amateurism



ELIGIBILITY CENTER



RECRUITING





RECRUITING CALENDARS

[Recruiting calendars](#) promote student well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

*Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities**

	CONTACT PERIOD	EVALUATION PERIOD	QUIET PERIOD	DEAD PERIOD	RECRUITING SHUTDOWN
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
College coaches may watch you compete.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may visit your high school.	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	Yes	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	Yes, but only on the college's campus.	No	No



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

RECRUITING CALENDARS

Scan the QR Code Below



Visit on.ncaa.com/recruitcal



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL UPDATES

Enhanced Visibility



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

[Home](#) [Resources](#) [NCAA Courses](#) ▾ [Submit a Fee Waiver](#) [High School Info](#) ▾ [Tasks](#) [Student Reports](#) ▾ [My Documents](#) [Account Log](#)

Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center High School Portal

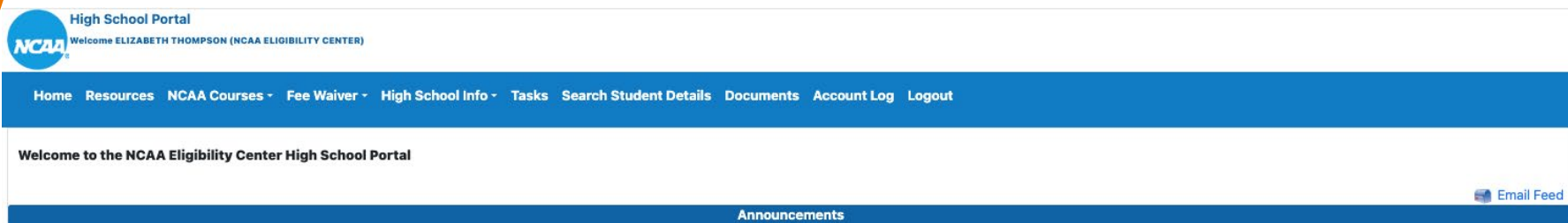
Announcements

- Please [click here](#) to subscribe to the NCAA Eligibility Center Newsletter.

HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL

For Primary and Secondary Contacts

ACCOUNT ACCESS FOR NEW CONTACTS



- » If the current primary and secondary contacts are no longer employed at your school, complete the [High School Contact Change Form](#).

Note: Your school's primary and secondary contacts should have access to curriculum and student records and the bandwidth to have ongoing engagement with the Eligibility Center.

- » Manage your school's core-course list, submit fee waivers, review open tasks and view student reports in the [High School Portal](#).



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

MULTIFACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA) FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

- » *The NCAA Eligibility Center has implemented multifactor authentication (MFA)*
- » *To view transcripts and student account information. MFA will be required once in a 24-hour period. This level of access is **available only to individuals listed as the primary or secondary contact in the high school account.***

Verify MFA Code



To access this resource, you must verify your identity using MFA. When you click the **Proceed with MFA Verification** button, a verification code will be sent to both your primary and secondary contact email addresses.

Proceed with MFA verification



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

ENHANCED VIEW FOR PRIMARY/SECONDARY CONTACTS

1. View student tasks
 2. View academic evaluation (including deficiencies)
 3. View the type of account the student-athlete has
 4. Confirm when transcript received
- *And see if other high school transcripts are missing

Other Enhancements:

1. Upload transcripts for previous schools attended
(designate the school in the upload process-NEW)!



HS PORTAL VISIBILITY

Case Status	Account Type	Your HS Trans Recd	All HS Trans Recd	Final Trans/POG Recd
Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [07-Jun-25]
Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [04-Aug-25]
Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [08-Aug-25]
Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
Preliminary	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
Preliminary	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✗	✓
Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
Case Status	Account Type	Your HS Trans Recd	All HS Trans Recd	Final Trans/POG Recd



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

[Home](#) [Resources](#) [NCAA Courses](#) [Fee Waiver](#) [High School Info](#) [Tasks](#) [Search Student Details](#) [Documents](#) [Account Log](#) [Logout](#)

Registered Students from my High School Report

[Back to Search](#)

This page now includes expanded transcript upload options and improved student certification views for students with an *Academic and Athletics Certification Account* or *Athletics Certification Account*. Transcripts can be uploaded for those account types by any contact logged in to this account. Student details contain personal information and are protected by multi-factor authentication.

- Click a student's NCAA ID to request an MFA code, sent to the primary and secondary contacts in the NCAA high school account.
- Codes are valid for 15 minutes and, once used, provide 24-hour access to student details.
- After three failed attempts, MFA verification will be locked for two hours.

Show entries

[Export Excel](#)

[Export PDF](#)

Search:

	NCAA ID	Last Name	First Name	Graduation Year	Enrollment Period	Most Recent HS	Fee Issue	Case Status	Account Type	Your HS Trans Recd	All HS Trans Recd	Final Trans/POG Recd
	Search NCAA ID	Search Last Name	Search First Name	Search Graduat	Search Enrollme							
	22			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [07-Jun-25]
	25			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [04-Aug-25]
	24			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [08-Aug-25]
	23			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
N/A	24			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A	24			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
	24			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Preliminary	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
	23			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Preliminary	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✗	✓
	23			2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		Final	Academic and Amateurism	✓	✓	✓ Final - [13-Jun-25]
N/A	2206581339	Heide		2025	FALL 2025	GH SCHOOL		N/A	Profile	N/A	N/A	N/A
	NCAA ID	Last Name	First Name	Graduation Year	Enrollment Period	Most Recent HS	Fee Issue	Case Status	Account Type	Your HS Trans Recd	All HS Trans Recd	Final Trans/POG Recd



DISTRICT/SCHOOL BEST PRACTICES

1. Awareness by counselors of which students are student-athletes and preparing them to be academically eligible for NCAA/NAIA etc.
2. Keep district and school NCAA contacts up to date.
3. Keep District/School information and core courses updates.
4. USE the NCAA's FREE training! We are here to help!
 - a. Utilize professional development days if possible.
 - b. Incorporate NCAA registration into your athlete orientation process freshman year / 8th grade!

(Free Profile Page)



ATHLETICS AID (NEW SIGNING MODEL)

- » By signing for athletics aid, a student agrees to attend that Division I or II school.
- » Athletics aid is:
 - Voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
 - Provided for a minimum of one academic year.
 - > Student must be admitted to the NCAA school.
 - > Student must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.



NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

- » NCAA student-athletes can benefit from their NIL.
- » Resources:
 - Visit on.ncaa.com/nil.
 - Contact your state's [high school athletic association](#) for current legislation.
 - Contact your future NCAA school's compliance office.
- » [Learn more about initial eligibility and NIL disclosure requirements.](#) *



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

A large, stylized NCAA logo in white on a blue background, surrounded by colorful confetti (blue, orange, yellow, green) and a dark blue background with white lines. The logo is the central focus of the page.

NCAA

RESOURCES



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

CHECK OUT OUR NCAA COURSE

For counselors



Scan QR Code
For HS Counselor
Course



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

PRESENTATION REQUESTS

For your district or high school



Scan QR Code



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

DIVISION I CORE GUARANTEES

Who is covered by the core guarantees?

-**Student-athletes at Division I schools**, plus student-athletes at a Division II or III school participating in a Division I sport.

-Requires schools to provide student-athletes **academic services** and **career counseling**.

Schools also must provide **life skills training** and **education** in at least nine specified areas:

- Mental health.
- Diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.*
- Sexual violence prevention.
- Transfer requirements.
- Strength and conditioning.
- Nutrition.
- Financial literacy.
- Career preparation.
- Name, image and likeness opportunities.



**Scan QR Code
For More
Information**



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

RESOURCES



Connect with the Eligibility
Center

- » [Registration Checklist.](#)
- » [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.](#)
- » [Initial-Eligibility Flyer.](#)
- » [Homeschooled Students.](#)
- » [Education-Impacting Disabilities.](#)

Thank You!