

Playing Sports In College

What prospective athletes and families
need to know

Learning Targets

- ▶ Families will gain a general overview of the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Families and athletes will learn what is required to be eligible for Division I and Division II athletics.
- ▶ Athletes will learn what their role and responsibility is in this process.
- ▶ Families and athletes will have access to resources.

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- ▶ The NCAA Eligibility Center certifies the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student-athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or Division II athletics.
- ▶ **Ultimately, the individual student-athlete is responsible for achieving and protecting his or her eligibility status.**

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Click [here](#) to view important certification reminders for the Class of 2014.



**NCAA COLLEGE-BOUND
STUDENT-ATHLETES**

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HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

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Click [here](#) to view the technical requirements for this website.

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Who Should Apply to The NCAA Eligibility Center?

- ▶ Any student who would like to continue athletics at the Division I or Division II college level.
- ▶ This is a requirement in addition to applying to the college itself.

When Should Someone Apply to The NCAA Eligibility Center?

- ▶ Students should apply to the eligibility center at the end of their sophomore year or the beginning of their junior year.
- ▶ www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ▶ Students should start planning their academic courses starting freshman year even though they will not apply until their junior year.
 - ▶ Approved NCAA courses can be found in your Educational Planning Guide next to the name of the course, and a complete list can be found on the eligibility center website for GJHS.

What is Required to be Eligible For Division I Athletics?

Graduate from high school and complete the 16 core courses:

- ▶ 4 years of English
- ▶ 3 years of math
- ▶ 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab)
- ▶ 1 extra year of English, math, or natural or physical science
- ▶ 2 years of social science
- ▶ 4 years of extra cure courses (from any category above, or foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)

What is Required to be Eligible For Division II Athletics?

Graduate from high school and complete these 16 core courses:

- ▶ 3 years of English
- ▶ 2 years of math
- ▶ 2 years of natural or physical science (including one year of lab)
- ▶ 3 additional years of English, math, or natural or physical science
- ▶ 2 years of social science
- ▶ 4 years of additional core courses (from any category above, or foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)

Important Reminder:

- ▶ Remember that meeting the NCAA academic requirements does **NOT** guarantee you admission into a college.
- ▶ Coaches **DO NOT** admit students!
- ▶ You **MUST** apply for college admission!

NCAA Planning Timeline

▶ Freshmen and sophomores

- ▶ Work hard to earn the best grades possible.
- ▶ Make sure that your core classes are approved NCAA core courses.
- ▶ Grand Junction High School Code is **060695**
- ▶ Complete your online registration at www.eligibilitycenter.org

NCAA Planning Timeline

▶ Juniors

- ▶ Complete your online registration at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ▶ Complete your online amateurism questionnaire.
- ▶ Continue to work hard, earn the best grades you can in all of your core courses and make sure they are approved NCAA courses.
- ▶ Take the ACT/SAT before the end of your junior year and send the scores to the NCAA (code **9999**).
- ▶ Contact coaches at the schools you are interested in attending.

NCAA Planning Timeline

▶ Seniors

- ▶ Retake the ACT or SAT if necessary. The NCAA Eligibility Center will super-score the ACT or SAT.
- ▶ Continue to take college prep courses through the END of your senior year and do well in them!
- ▶ Review your amateurism status online and check your NCAA account for any missing materials.
- ▶ Contact coaches at the schools you are interested in attending.
- ▶ Graduate on time!

What is The Student's Role?

- ▶ Students own the process; they need to be active in it.
- ▶ Students need to register completely and honestly.
 - ▶ All academic information
 - ▶ All amateurism information
- ▶ Students are responsible for sending ACT/SAT scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ▶ Students are solely responsible for academic performance.

Helpful Resources For Athletes and Families

- ▶ www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ▶ College websites- ex. www.colorado.edu
- ▶ Super College Match in Naviance can help you find colleges by sport and Division I or II
- ▶ Coaches and athletic director at GJHS and colleges
- ▶ See your GJHS counselor to discuss academic eligibility and advising the athlete on his or her 4 year academic plan

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Thank You For
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