NCAA ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Are You Possibly a College-Bound Student-Athlete? High school student-athletes considering any possibility of playing a sport collegiately need to take course selection, grade point average (GPA), and test score requirements very seriously. The process starts immediately through enrollment in ninth grade coursework. It is wise for student-athletes to be prepared for future opportunities by tracking their coursework and GPA each semester. Support for this process is critical through collaboration with the student, family, counselor, coaches, and Athletic Directors. Students and parents need to refer to NCAA (www.eligibilitycenter.org) and NAIA(www.playnaia.org) website **resources** for current guidelines.

The following information provides an overview of collegiate eligibility regarding core course selection, GPA, and test scores.

NCAA Division I and II Initial-Eligibility Requirements:

Core Courses: 16 core courses in high school are required for any student first entering a Division I or Division II college or university. Courses selected from the district list must be NCAA-approved core courses from your high school's list. The list for your high school is located at the NCAA Eligibility center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org).

DIVISION I 16 CORE-COURSE	DIVISION II 16 CORE-COURSE
16 Core Courses: 4 years of English 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher) 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school) 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science 2 years of social science 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)	16 Core Courses: 3 years of English 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher) 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school) 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science 2 years of social science 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or nondoctrinal religion/philosophy)

Spring Hill Approved Courses for NCAA ELIGIBILITY as of 5/10/18: Please note that the number of credits is 1 unit unless otherwise specified:

ENGLISH: English 1, English 2, Honors English 2, English 3, Honors English 3, English 4, Composition 1 (.5), Composition 2(.5), Debate (.5), Advanced Debate (.5) Forensics, (.5), Public Speaking (.5)

SOCIAL STUDIES: American Government (.5), Civics (.5), American History, World History 1, Psychology (.5), Sociology (.5), Sociology 2 (.5), Global Explorations (.5)

MATHEMATICS: Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Algebra A/B (1 unit total), Analytic Geometry/Calculus, College Algebra, College Prep Math, Trigonometry, Statistics

SCIENCE: Biology, Anatomy and Physiology, College Biology, Chemistry, Chemistry 2, Environmental Science, Earth Space Science, Integrated Science, and Physics

ADDITIONAL COURSES: French 1, French 2, French 3, French 4, Spanish 1, Spanish 2, Spanish 3, Spanish 4

GPA: Core GPA must be a minimum of 2.00

Test Scores: SAT score must be a minimum of 820 (NCAA includes **only** the critical reading and math sections; writing section of SAT is not used. ACT sum score must be a minimum of 68 from the following four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science

When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT Scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Test Scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.

<u>**NAIA Initial Eligibility Requirements:**</u> The NAIA Eligibility Center is responsible for determining the NAIA eligibility of first-time student-athletes. If you are interested in playing in the NAIA, you can register on their website at www.playnaia.org. Any student playing NAIA sports for the first time must meet the eligibility requirements. Students must have their eligibility determined by the NAIA Eligibility Center, and all NAIA schools are bound by the Center's decisions. Students interested in participating in athletics at an NAIA institution are required to satisfy **two of the three following requirements.**

Test Scores: Achieve a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT
GPA: Achieve a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
Class Rank: Graduate in the top half of your high school class

Students who have completed their junior year of high school with an overall 3.00 GPA on a 4.00 scale, plus the minimum test scores required (18 ACT or 860 SAT), may receive an eligibility decision early in the senior year. Go to (www.playnaia.org) for additional information.

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If you want to play sports at an NCAA Division I or II school, start by registering for a Certification Account with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**. If you want to play Division III sports or you aren't sure where you want to compete, start by creating a Profile Page at **eligibilitycenter.org**.

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ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

To play sports at a Division I or II school, you must graduate from high school, complete 16 NCAA-approved core courses, earn a minimum GPA, and earn an ACT or SAT score that matches your core-course GPA.

CORE COURSES

Visit **eligibilitycenter.org/courselist** for a full list of your high school's approved core courses. Complete 16 core courses in the following areas:

DIVISION I

Complete 10 NCAA core courses, including seven in English, math or natural/physical science, before your seventh semester.

ENGLISH	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including one year of lab science, if offered)	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	ADDITIONAL (English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
4 years	2 years	3 years	2 years	1 year	4 years

DIVISION II

ENGLISH	NATURAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (including one year of lab science, if offered)	MATH (Algebra I or higher)	SOCIAL SCIENCE	ADDITIONAL (English, math or natural/physical science)	ADDITIONAL (English, math, natural/physical science, social science, foreign language, comparative religion or philosophy)
3 years	2 years	2 years	2 years	3 years	4 years

GRADE-POINT AVERAGE

The NCAA Eligibility Center calculates your grade-point average (GPA) based on the grades you earn in NCAA-approved core courses.
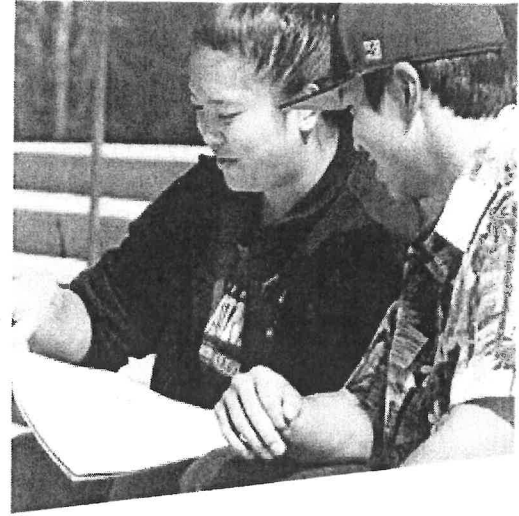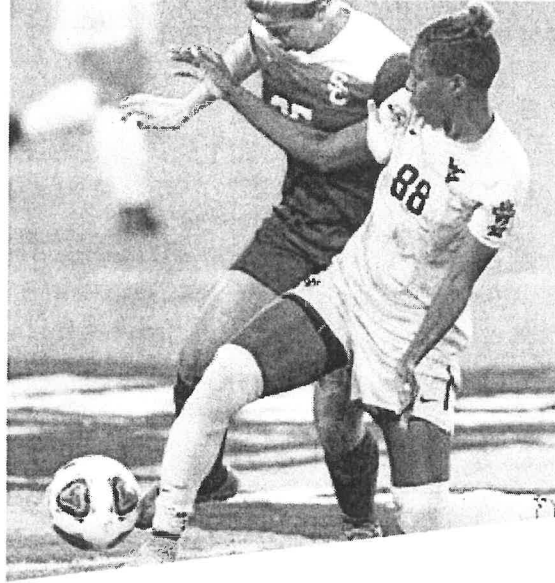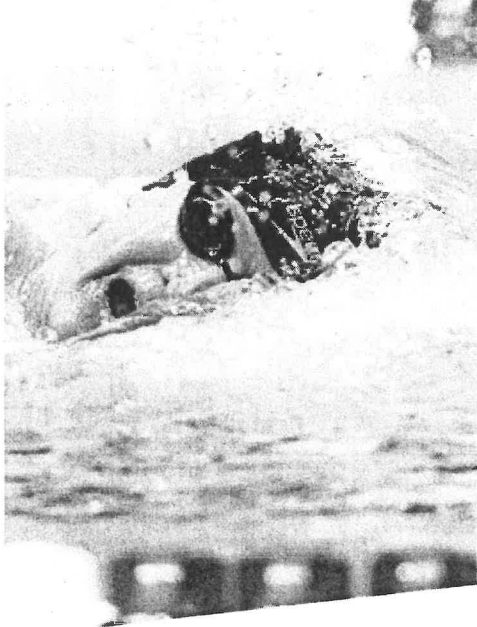
- DI requires a minimum 2.3 GPA
- DII requires a minimum 2.2 GPA

SLIDING SCALE

Divisions I and II use sliding scales to match test scores and GPAs to determine eligibility. The sliding scale balances your test score with your GPA. If you have a low test score, you need a higher GPA to be eligible. Find more information about sliding scales at ncaa.org/playcollegesports.

TEST SCORES

Take the ACT or SAT as many times as you want before you enroll full time in college, but remember to list the NCAA Eligibility Center (code **9999**) as a score recipient whenever you register to take a test. If you take a test more than once, send us all your scores and we will choose the best scores from each test section to create your sum score. We accept official scores only from the ACT or SAT, and won't use scores shown on your high school transcript. Remember to apply the College Board concordance table for SAT tests taken in March 2016 and after.

HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE

GRADE 9
Plan

- Start planning now! Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Ask your counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA core courses to make sure you take the right classes. Or, find your high school's list of NCAA core courses at **eligibilitycenter.org/courselist**.

GRADE 10
Register

- Register for a Certification Account or Profile Page with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- If you fall behind on courses, don't take shortcuts to catch up. Ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses or programs you can take.

GRADE 11
Study

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time.
- Take the ACT or SAT, and make sure we get your scores by using code **9999**.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official transcript.

GRADE 12
Graduate

- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and make sure we get your scores by using code **9999**.
- Request your final amateurism certification after April 1.
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation.

Core Courses

This simple formula will help you meet Division I and II core-course requirements.

4x4=16

+ 4 English courses (one per year)

+ 4 math courses (one per year)

+ 4 science courses (one per year)

+ 4 social science courses (one per year)

= 16 NCAA CORE COURSES

For more information:
ncaa.org/playcollegesports
eligibilitycenter.org

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