



ELIGIBILITY CENTER

NAVIGATING INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility Center Webinar

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AGENDA

- » What is the Eligibility Center?
- » Eligibility Center Registration.
- » Initial-Eligibility Standards and Test Score Submission.
- » High School Review.
- » Preliminary and Final Academic Evaluations.
- » Sports Participation and Amateurism Certification.
- » Best Practices.
- » Resources.





NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs

For Students Initially Enrolling Full Time in the 2021-22 or 2022-23 Academic Year

Given the continuing impact of COVID-19 on the educational environment, the NCAA Eligibility Center has partnered with the NCAA membership to identify the following changes to the initial-eligibility certification process for students **who initially enroll full time in an NCAA Division I or II school during the 2021-22 or 2022-23 academic year**. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make necessary adjustments to prioritize health, safety and fairness for all prospective student-athletes.

FAQ Topics—Quick Links

[Academic Evaluations](#)

[Auto Waiver Criteria—2021-22 or 2022-23
Enrollment](#)

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COVID-19 Automatic Waiver Criteria for 2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

- Q1:** Given the unique circumstances due to COVID-19, will there be any flexibility in the initial-eligibility standard for students who initially enroll full time in a collegiate institution during 2021-22 or 2022-23?
- A1:** Yes. Students who **initially enroll full time in an NCAA Division I or II school during 2021-22 or 2022-23** will receive an automatic initial-eligibility waiver in the academic certification process that provides the highest level of relief for which they are eligible, per the criteria below:



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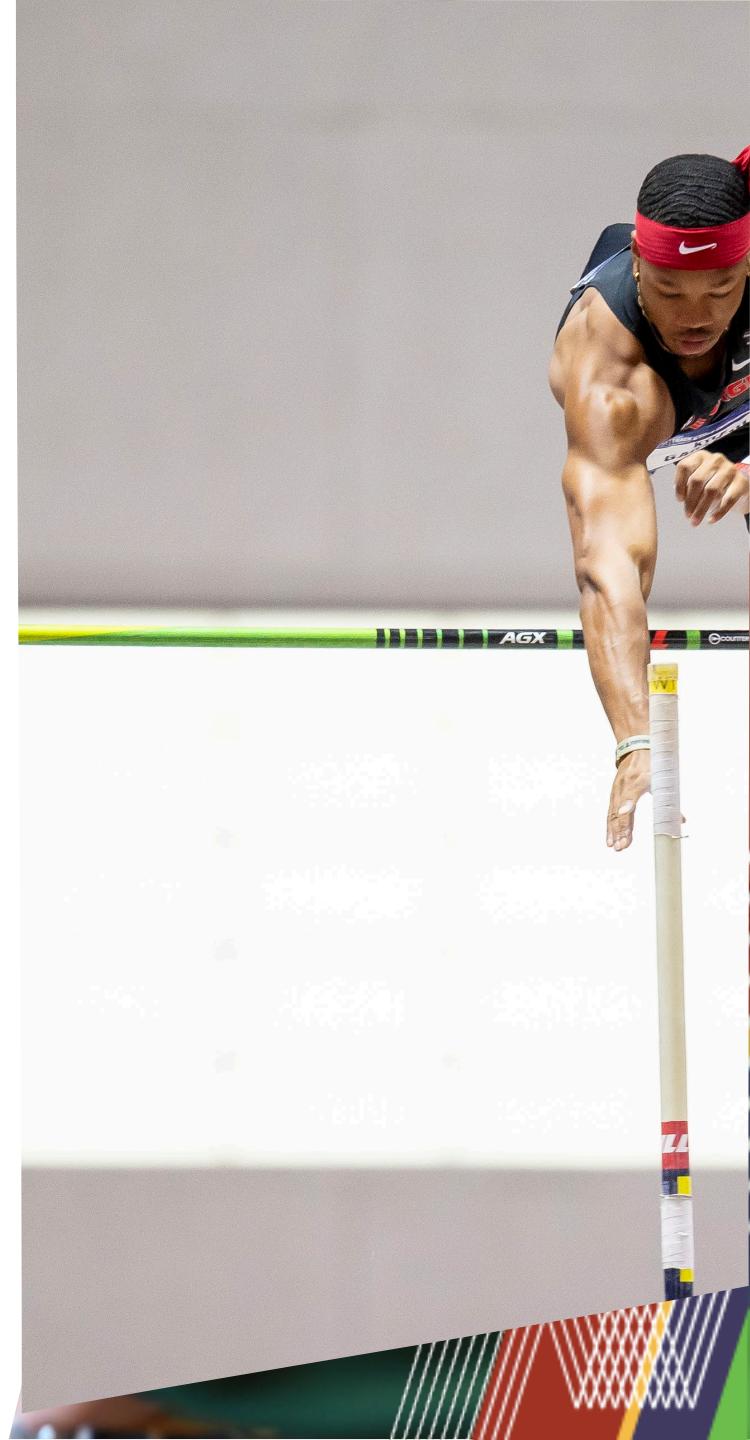


WHAT IS THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER?

- » The EC evaluates and certifies college-bound student-athletes for competition at Divisions I and II schools.
- » Students who want to compete at NCAA Division I or Division II schools need to meet:
 - Academic initial-eligibility requirements.
 - Amateurism requirements.
- » We focus on:
 - Academic preparedness.
 - Sports participation.
 - High school courses.
 - Customer service.

NCAA FAST FACTS

- » 1,100+ colleges and universities.
- » 98 voting athletics conferences.
- » 39 affiliated organizations.
- » > 500,000 student-athletes.
- » 19,500 teams.
- » 90 championships.
- » 24 sports.
- » Three divisions.





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A photograph of several female athletes running on a green field. They are wearing blue jerseys with white numbers. The image is slightly blurred, suggesting motion. In the bottom right corner, there is a decorative graphic consisting of overlapping red and white geometric shapes.

REGISTRATION

TWO ACCOUNT TYPES

» Register for a Profile Page or a Certification account at eligibilitycenter.org.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Student Email Password Login

Help High School Administrators

Forgot your password?

WANT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS?

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

REGISTER

NOT SURE WHICH DIVISION YOUR SCHOOL IS IN?
[Learn more](#) or [search NCAA schools.](#)



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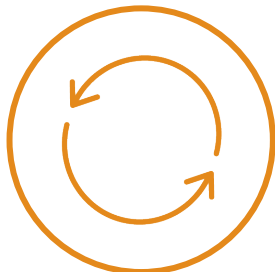
PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT



Students interested in a Division III school or are not sure in which division they want to compete.



There is no registration fee to create a Profile Page account.



Transition to a Certification account at any time your students wish to pursue a Division I or II path.

CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT



Students must be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at a Division I or II school.



The registration fee for domestic students is \$90. The fee for international students is \$150.



Before students take official visits or sign an NLI, they must have a complete Certification account.

The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center dashboard for a user named Jane Doe. The user's name, ID (NCAA 2012345678), and graduation/enrollment dates (Grad June 2021 | Enroll Fall 2021) are displayed in the top right corner, which is circled in orange. The main section is titled "CERTIFICATION PROCESS" and contains three steps: 1. Account Creation (with a "Pick Up Where I Left Off" button), 2. Send Test Scores and Transcripts (with a "Learn more" link), and 3. Request Amateurism Certification (with a "Submit request now" button). The third step is highlighted with a green border.

NCAA Eligibility Center

Jane Doe
NCAA 2012345678
Grad June 2021 | Enroll Fall 2021

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

Account Creation
We've saved all of your information.

Pick Up Where I Left Off

Send Test Scores and Transcripts
Ask your testing agency to send us your scores using code 9999. Ask each high school you have attended to submit your transcripts.

Learn more

Request Amateurism Certification

Submit request now

- » Review their Dashboard for open tasks.
- » Update their graduation or enrollment dates if needed.

- » View their receipt of transcripts on file.
- » Edit their account, schools or sports information.



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

- » Student-athletes must apply and be accepted to their NCAA DI or II school before they can compete on campus.
- » Student-athletes should ask their NCAA school for more information about cost of attendance and financial aid.



WHAT IS AN IRL?

- » Students must be on an NCAA DI or II school's institution request list to get a certification.



What is an IRL?

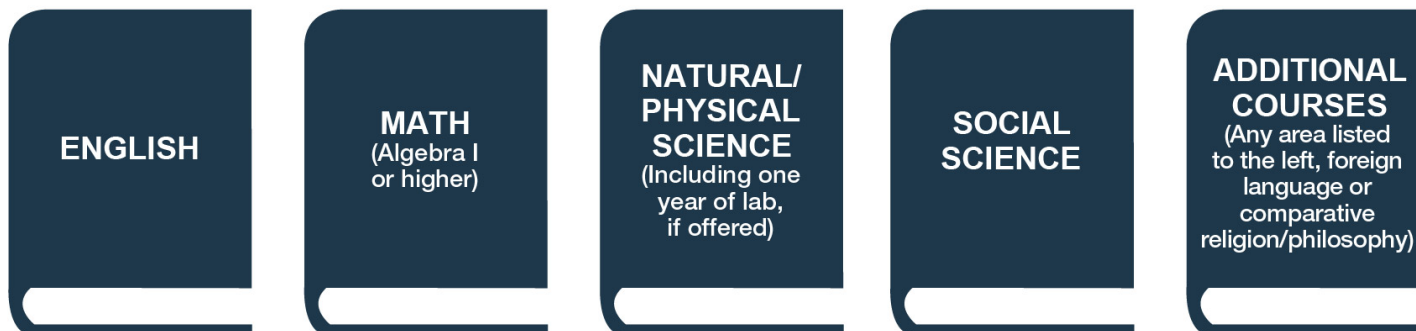


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WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

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» NCAA core courses are:

- On your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses.
- Taught at or above the high school's regular academic level.
- Taught by a qualified instructor.
- Considered four-year college preparatory.



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Core-Course List

Find your school's list of
NCAA-approved core
courses at
[eligibilitycenter.org/
courselist](https://eligibilitycenter.org/courselist).



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A high-angle photograph of two male athletes in a starting crouch on a blue track. The athlete on the left is wearing a purple singlet with a gold "CU" logo and purple shorts. The athlete on the right is wearing a blue singlet with a yellow stripe and blue shorts. Both are wearing helmets and starting blocks. Their long shadows are cast across the track. The background features orange and white diagonal stripes on the left and a red and white geometric pattern on the right.

COVID-19 ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS



DIVISION I: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Four possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - Early academic qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Academic redshirt.
 - Nonqualifier.





DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Note: Division I early academic qualifier status is based on the student's pre-seventh semester academic record.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 3.0 in the required subject areas.

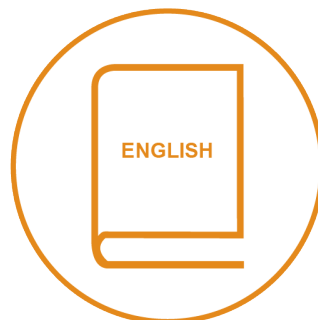
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- » Practice.
- » Compete.



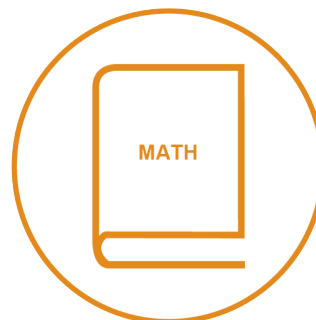
DIVISION I: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

SUBJECT AREAS



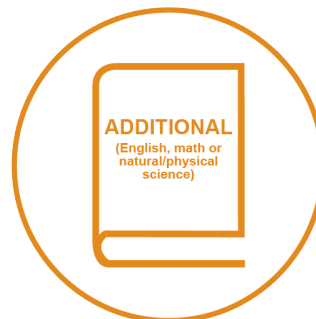
3 Years



2 Years



2 Years



2 Years



5 Years

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DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.3 in the required subject areas.



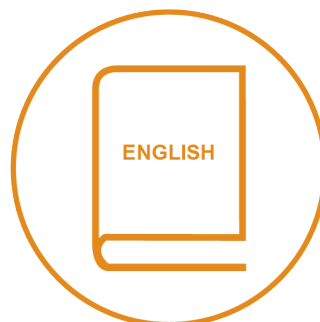
Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



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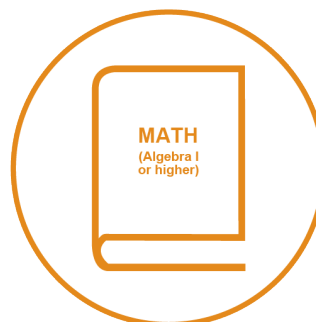
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SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH

4 Years



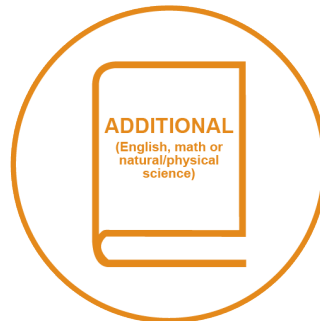
MATH
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3 Years



NATURAL/
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SCIENCE
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year of lab,
if offered)

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
(English, math or
natural/physical
science)

1 Year



SOCIAL
SCIENCE

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
COURSES
(Any area listed
foreign language
or comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years

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



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.0 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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



DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

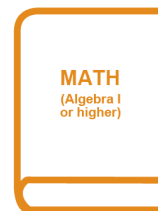
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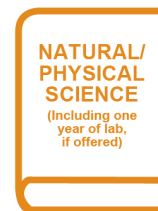
ENGLISH

4 Years



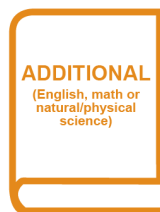
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SCIENCE

2 Years



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religion/philosophy)

4 Years

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



DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

» ~~Athletics Aid.~~

» ~~Practice.~~

» ~~Compete.~~

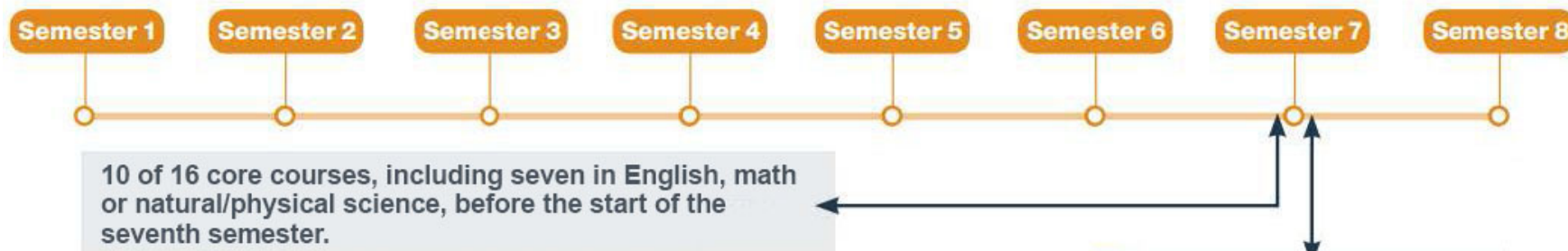


Test Scores

Standardized test scores are excluded from NCAA initial-eligibility criteria for students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during the 2020-21, 2021-22 and/or 2022-23 academic years.

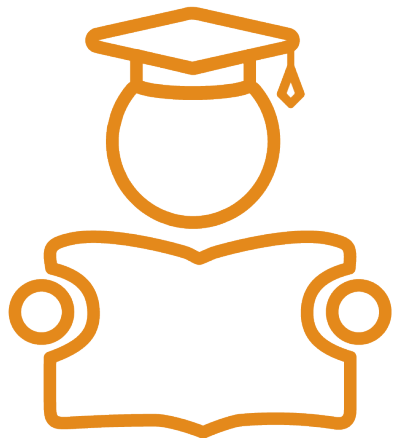
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DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

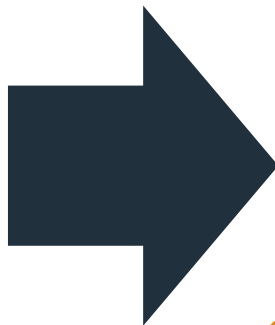


- » When students enter ninth grade, they have four years (eight semesters) to complete their core-course requirement.
- » They must graduate on time, with their class.

DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION



2021-22 or 2022-23 Full
Time Enrollee



Up to Six Courses
(From Seventh Semester to
Full-Time Enrollment)

Note: This approach will allow students impacted by school closures to complete additional core courses toward their initial eligibility.

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

$$4 \times 4 = 16$$

9TH GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

10TH GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

11TH GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES

12TH GRADE

(1) English
(1) Math
(1) Science
(1) Social Science
and/or additional

4 CORE COURSES



DIVISION II: ALTERNATIVE STANDARDS

- » Three possible academic certification outcomes for student-athletes:
 - Early academic qualifier.
 - Qualifier.
 - Partial qualifier.



DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Note: College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.



Complete 14 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.5 in the required subject areas.

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



DIVISION II: EARLY ACADEMIC QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH

3 Years



MATH

3 Years



NATURAL/
PHYSICAL
SCIENCE

2 Years



ADDITIONAL
COURSES
(In any area)

6 Years

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



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

DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



Earn a core-course GPA ≥ 2.2 in the required subject areas.



Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.



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

DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment



Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.



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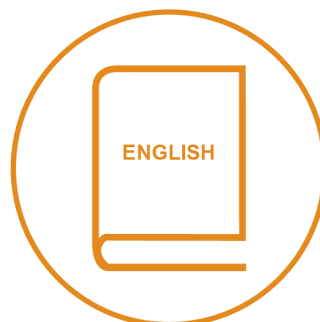


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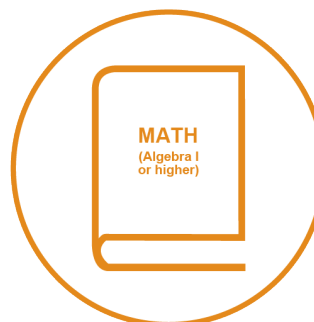
2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

SUBJECT AREAS



ENGLISH

3 Years



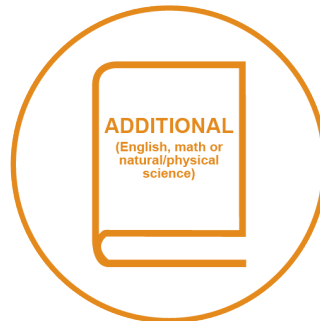
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or comparative
religion/philosophy)

4 Years



DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

2021-22 or 2022-23 Enrollment

Note: College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier..



Submit proof of graduation
to the Eligibility Center.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.

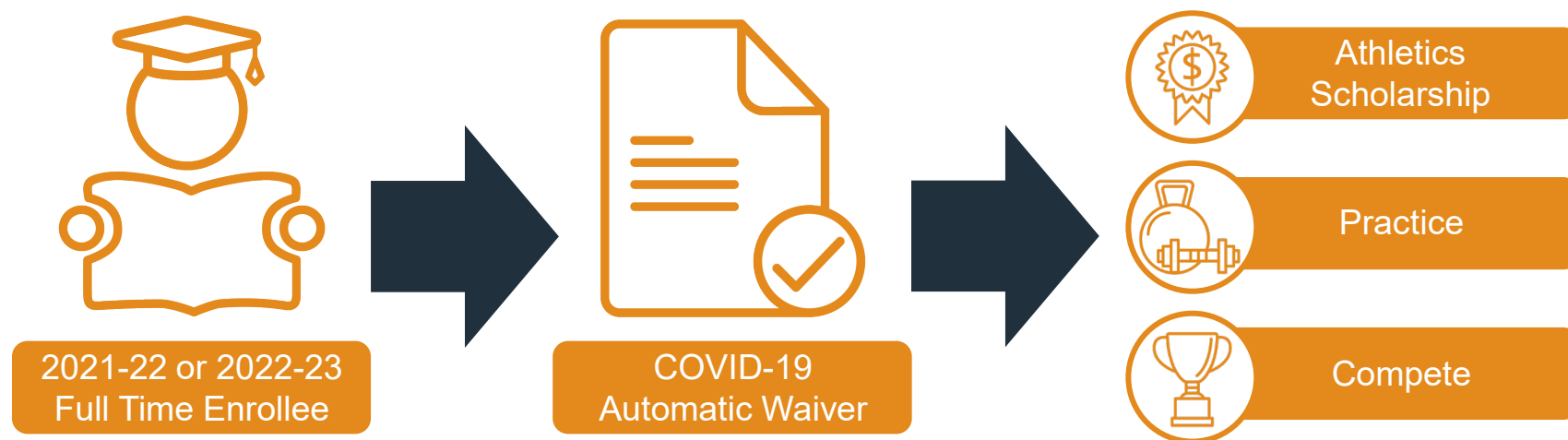


Test Scores

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However, colleges and/or scholarship programs may still require test scores.

FLEXIBILITY IN INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY



- » Students who initially enroll full time in an NCAA school during 2021-22 or 2022-23 must meet specific criteria to be eligible.



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INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES



DI Academic
Requirements



DII Academic
Requirements



DIVISION III

- » Each Division III college or university determines its own eligibility for:
 - Admission.
 - Financial aid.
 - Practice and competition.
- » The NCAA EC does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student-athletes.
- » Division III student-athletes may register for a free Profile Page, but it is not required.



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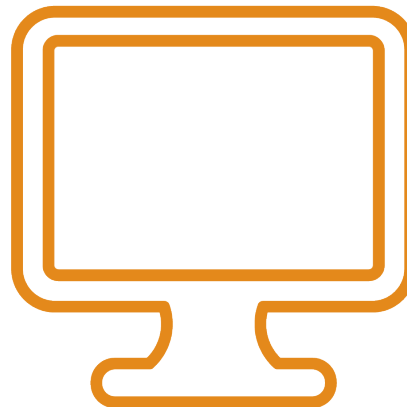
DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

- » The Eligibility Center does not require a separate review of distance or e-learning programs used during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic calendars in response to closures due to COVID-19.



Students of
All Grade Levels

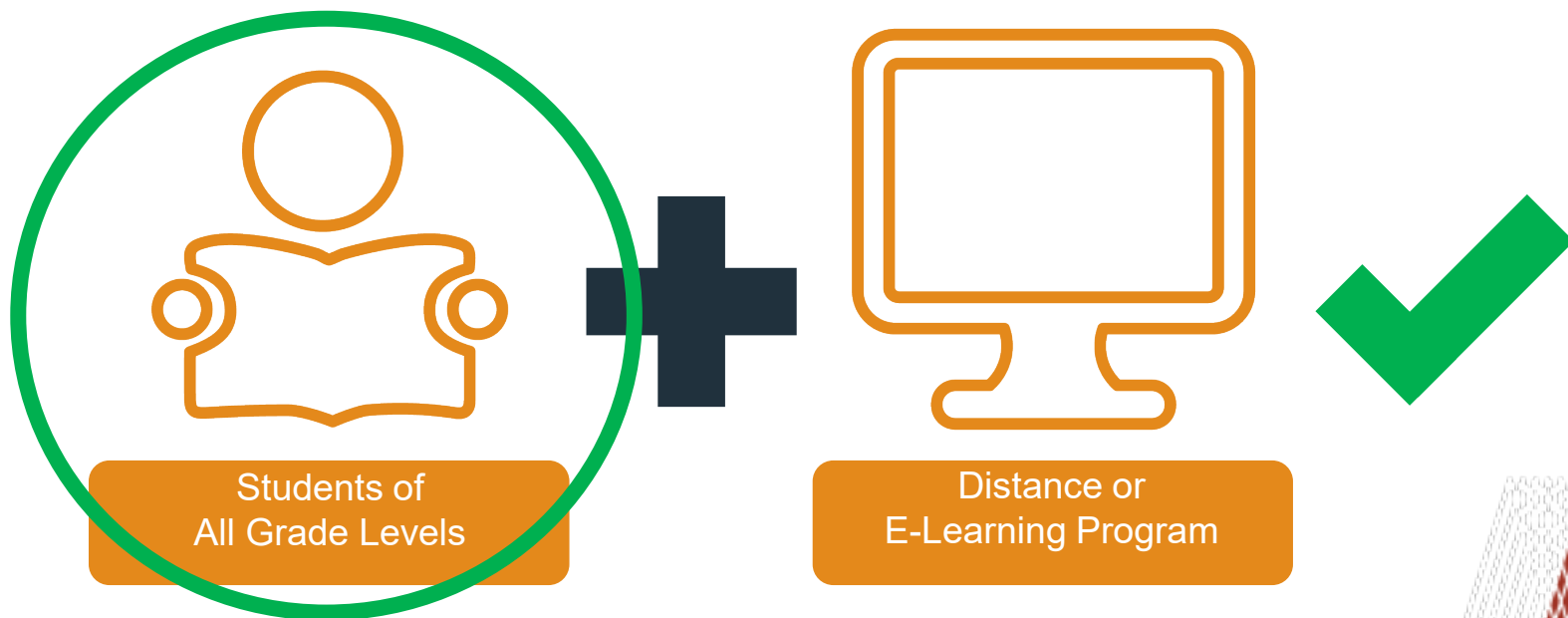


Distance or
E-Learning Program



DISTANCE OR E-LEARNING

» **Note:** This policy applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who completed distance or e-learning courses during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years.





Home School

Taking online or hybrid courses does not necessarily mean your students are home schooled.



Home School

Home school students can also meet the COVID-19 Automatic Waiver criteria for 2022-23 enrollment. Review our [Home School Toolkit](#) for questions about home schooling.



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SPORTS PARTICIPATION



AMATEURISM

» In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:

- Contracts with professional teams.
- Salary for participating in athletics.
- Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
- Play with professionals.
- Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
- Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
- Agreement to be represented by an agent.
- Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.



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Ask the EC

If your students have questions, encourage them to contact us before acting. Their actions may impact their future NCAA eligibility.

SPORTS PARTICIPATION

- » When students register for a Certification account, they must:
 - Select the sport(s) they would like to play in college.
 - Update their information frequently if they play for multiple teams or attend events outside the traditional high school setting.
 - Request final amateurism before they enroll full time at a DI or II school.
- » **Note: Over 94%** of students do not require additional questions from the EC after they request final amateurism.





PROACTIVE STUDENT ACTIONS

- » If students want to play sports in college, they must:
 - Share their NCAA ID with schools recruiting them.
 - Apply to schools of their choosing to be accepted.
 - Request final amateurism certification before they enroll full time in college.
 - > Starting April 1 (fall).
 - > Starting Oct. 1 (winter/spring).
 - Ask their counselor to submit their final transcript with proof of graduation.
- » Know that considerations are given to students with documented [education-impacting disabilities](#).



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RESOURCES



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RESOURCES

» Review our [COVID-19 FAQ](#).

» Visit our websites:

- o ncaa.org/playcollegesports.
- o eligibilitycenter.org.

» Visit nationalletter.org to learn about the NLI.

» Download our resources:

- o [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#).
- o [Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#).
- o [DI Academic Requirements](#).
- o [DII Academic Requirements](#).



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A photograph of two soccer players in action on a green field. One player in a white jersey and dark blue shorts is on the left, and another player in a grey jersey and light grey shorts is on the right, leaning forward. A soccer ball is in the air between them. The background is a blurred green field and blue sky.

QUESTIONS?



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View the EC
COVID FAQ

SOCIAL MEDIA



Follow the EC
on Instagram



Follow the EC
on Twitter



Like the EC
on Facebook



Ask the EC

“What if I still have questions?”

- » High school admin, please call:
877-622-2321.
- » Students and parents, please call:
877-262-1492.



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

Contact the Eligibility Center

- » High school support line.
 - 877-622-2321.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time.
- » College-bound student-athlete support line.
 - 877-262-1492.
 - > Monday-Friday.
 - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.



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