

NCAA Clearinghouse Requirements and Registration Process

All prospective NCAA Student/athletes must meet the NCAA Clearinghouse eligibility requirements if they intend to compete and practice, or receive financial aid as an athlete at an NCAA Division I or II collegiate institution. To access requirements and other important NCAA Clearinghouse information, students and their parents/guardians will need to go to the new NCAA Clearinghouse Eligibility Center website at: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html (bookmark this page!). At this website you will find the main page for Prospective Student Athletes. Please explore all of the information listed on this page, especially the link entitled *New Eligibility Rules*. In the left blue margin you will want to explore the link entitled *Information and Resources for Prospective Student-Athletes*, where you will find a Guide for College Bound Student Athletes, an informative FAQ, the Division I and II Eligibility Standards. In that same blue margin you can link to the *List of Approved Core Courses*, which will show you all of the courses that can be taken toward meeting NCAA eligibility at our school.

IMPORTANT: the NCAA Clearinghouse requires that an ACT or SAT test be taken. An ACT or SAT test taken on a national testing date and Colorado's 11th grade ACT will meet this requirement. ACT and/or SAT scores MUST be sent directly from the testing organization even though the scores may be on a high school transcript—this means that when registering for either test one must enter the NCAA Clearinghouse code (9999) in the *College and Scholarship Choices* section; if this is not done when registering for the tests, an additional test score report will need to be ordered and sent from ACT and/or SAT after the test was taken.

Prospective NCAA Student/athletes should check with their assigned counselor no later than the first semester of their 9th or 10th grade year in order to make a plan to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse Core Course Requirements before graduating high school. The Eligibility Standards for Division I and II collegiate athletics are listed in the NCAA Clearinghouse website listed above and should be reviewed by parents and students to obtain a clear understanding of the requirements necessary to be eligible for NCAA athletic competition, scholarships, and recruitment. To help you determine what courses meet the NCAA requirements, you will need to access Poudre High School's List of Approved NCAA Clearinghouse Core Courses located in the website (**our school code is: 060587**). Once courses are decided upon to meet these requirements, students should not change their class schedule without first determining whether their NCAA eligibility will be affected. The Guidance Counselors at Poudre High School are available to advise and assist student-athletes in the planning process; however, the responsibility to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements for initial eligibility rests with the student-athlete and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s).

Students should register for the NCAA Clearinghouse on-line. Registration should be completed at the end of the 11th grade year in high school. To access the on-line registration form, click on the Registration Form for US Students link, in the left margin in the Prospective Students section of the NCAA Clearinghouse webpage. Complete this form, pay the fee, SUBMIT the form, and make sure to remember your PIN number (write it down somewhere). Students can also do a paper version but it will take much longer to process (you will also need to print the PDF version from the website). After a student has completed the on-line application, they will be asked to print 2 copies of a Transcript Release Form; please bring BOTH copies of this Transcript Release Form to Mrs. Mapes, Counseling Assistant, at Poudre High School. Mrs. Mapes will use these to verify that you have sent the NCAA Clearinghouse your application and to send your transcript to the NCAA Clearinghouse for review. You will not be certified as either eligible or ineligible until you have graduated from high school. If students have questions on any reports received from the NCAA regarding eligibility, they should see Mr. Nash in the Guidance Office.

REGISTER ONLINE!!! Go to: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html

Changes in SAT/ACT

The SAT and ACT have made changes to their tests; one of the most significant changes is the addition of a writing component. On both the SAT and ACT, students will be asked to write an essay. The SAT writing section is mandatory, while the ACT writing section is optional.

The SAT will now have three parts: critical reading (formerly known as verbal), mathematics, and writing. Since each section is worth 200-800 points, the SAT score will now range from 600-2400.

Will the NCAA require a writing test as part of its initial-eligibility requirements?

The NCAA has determined that the writing component should not be required at the present time. The NCAA has noted the importance of reviewing research related to the impact of the writing component.

How will the eligibility center use the scores on the new SAT?

The eligibility center will combine the critical reading and math sections for the combined score. The writing section will not be used. **The eligibility center will use scores from the new SAT in combination with scores from the current SAT for the combined score.**

What about ACT?

ACT is also adding a writing component, but the ACT writing component is optional. The scores on the ACT will remain the same.

Where can I get more information?

The College Board has information about the new SAT on its Web site at www.collegeboard.com and ACT has information at www.act.org.

Specific questions regarding any of the information on this page may be answered by contacting the eligibility center staff at 877/262-1492.

NCAA FRESHMAN-ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

Meet with your counselor early in the 9th grade to be sure you have made a plan to meet NCAA core course requirements during grades 9-12. Students should apply to NCAA Clearinghouse by end of their 11th grade year. Apply online at: https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html

KNOW THE RULES:

Core Courses

- **NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses as of August 1, 2008.** This rule applies to any student first entering any Division I college or university on or after August 1, 2008. See the chart below for the breakdown of this 16 core-course requirement.
- **NCAA Division II requires 14 core courses.** See the breakdown of core-course requirements below. Please note, Division II will require 16 core courses beginning August 1, 2013.

Test Scores

- **Division I** has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average. The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on page two of this sheet.
- **Division II** has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the four sections on the ACT: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the Eligibility Center code of 9999 to make sure the score is reported to the Eligibility Center.**

Grade-Point Average

Only core courses are used in the calculation of the grade-point average.

Be sure to look at your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses on the Eligibility Center's Web site to make certain that courses being taken have been approved as core courses. The Web site is www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Division I grade-point-average requirements are listed on page two of this sheet.

The Division II grade-point-average requirement is a minimum of 2.000.

DIVISION I

16 Core-Course Rule

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 non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II

14 Core-Course Rule

14 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).

2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.

2 years of social science.

3 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or non-doctrinal religion/philosophy).

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning August 1, 2013, students planning to attend an NCAA Division II institution will be required to complete 16 core courses.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Division II has no sliding scale. The minimum core grade-point average is 2.000. The minimum SAT score is 820 (verbal and math sections only) and the minimum ACT sum score is 68.
- 14 core courses are currently required for Division II. However, beginning 2013, students will be required to complete 16 core courses.
- 16 core courses are required for Division I.
- The SAT combined score is based on the verbal and math sections only. The writing section will not be used.
- SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Scores on transcripts will not be used.
- Students enrolling at an NCAA Division I or II institution for the first time need to also complete the amateurism questionnaire through the Eligibility Center Web site. Students need to request final amateurism certification prior to enrollment.

For more information regarding the rules, please go to www.NCAA.org. Click on "Academics and Athletes" then "Eligibility and Recruiting." Or visit the Eligibility Center Web site at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Please call the NCAA Eligibility Center if you have questions:

Toll-free number: 877/262-1492.

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE CORE GRADE-POINT AVERAGE/ TEST-SCORE

New Core GPA / Test Score Index		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT
	Verbal and Math ONLY	
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	730	60
2.675	740-750	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	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	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	80
2.125	960	81
2.100	970	82
2.075	980	83
2.050	990	84
2.025	1000	85
2.000	1010	86