

# NCAA Academic Requirements for Aspiring College Athletes

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requires student-athletes to build a foundation of high school courses to prepare them for college coursework. The following requirements are for current high school athletes who want to play Division 1 sports in college and be eligible to receive an athletic scholarship. (Athletes who meet Division 1 requirements will also be eligible at other division levels.)

## 1. Complete 16 core courses.

Subjects	Yrs	NCAA Requirements	Orange High
English*	4		9 <sup>th</sup> through 12 <sup>th</sup> grades
Math*	3	Algebra I or higher	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
Science*	2	Natural and Physical (including one year of lab science)	Labs: Biology, Physiology, Chemistry, or Physics
1 additional course* (above)	1		Math or Science
Social Science	2		World (10 <sup>th</sup> ), US (11 <sup>th</sup> )
4 additional courses	4	English, Math, Science, Social Science, World Language, Comparative Religion, Philosophy	Math, Science, Social Science, World Language

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You must complete 10 of your 16 core courses *before* you begin your Senior Year. *These courses/grades are “locked in” at the start of the 7<sup>th</sup> semester and cannot be repeated for credit recovery or grade improvement during 12<sup>th</sup> grade.*

## 2. Earn at least a 2.3 grade point average (GPA) in the core courses.

## 3. Take the SAT or ACT:

- Earn an SAT combined score or ACT sum score matching your core-course GPA on the Division 1 sliding scale, which balances test scores and core-course GPA. (Visit [www.2point3.org](http://www.2point3.org) to view the sliding scales.)
- Students with a low test score need a higher core-course GPA to be eligible; students with a low core-course GPA need a higher test score to be eligible.
- When taking the SAT or ACT, use the code “9999” to have your official scores sent directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

NCAA recommends that college-bound student-athletes begin the registration process at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) at the beginning of their Sophomore year.