

# 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**

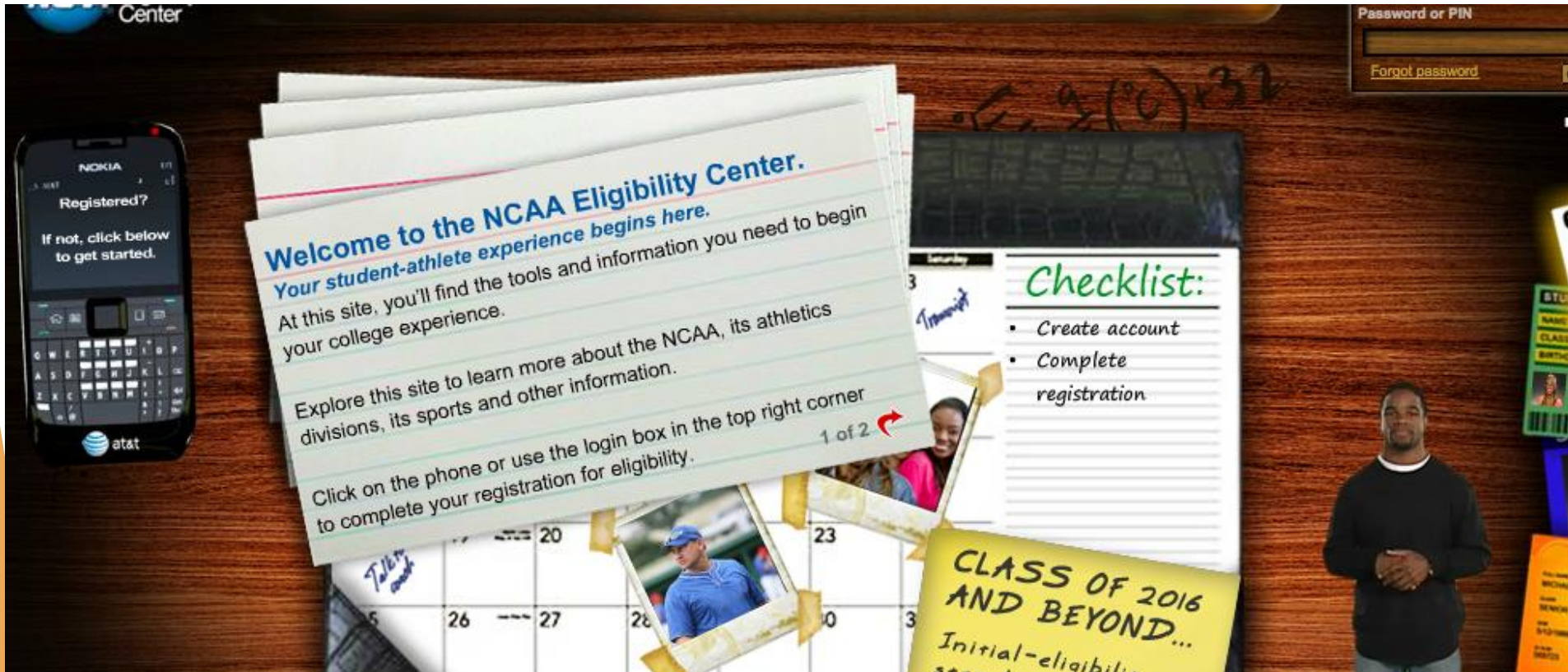
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# Who Should Apply to The NCAA Eligibility Center?

- ▶ 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](http://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](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

# NCAA Planning Timeline

## ▶ Juniors

- ▶ Complete your online registration at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://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](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- ▶ College websites- ex. [www.colorado.edu](http://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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