

# NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

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# What is the NCAA Eligibility?

- Certifies the academic and amateur credentials of all college-bound student athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics
- No registration with Eligibility Center necessary for Division III athletics (ex. York College of PA)
- Remember, your FIRST priority is to apply to the college/university and meet ACADEMIC requirements – in addition to those college's academic requirements, the NCAA Eligibility Center has their own academic requirements and these requirements have been **CHANGED**

# Steps to Achieving Eligibility – Classes of 2016 & 2017

## NCAA DIVISION I INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Core Courses: (16)

- ✓ Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see handout for subject-area requirements).
- ✓ Ten (10) core courses completed by the **end of the junior year; seven (7) of the ten (10) must be in English, math or natural/physical science.**
- ✓ These courses/grades are "locked in" at start of the senior year .
- ✓ Required GPA of core courses is **NOW 2.3.**
- ✓ Only core courses that appear on the high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA (see handout for core course listings).

### Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)

- ✓ Students must present a corresponding test score and core-course GPA on the sliding scale.
- ✓ Best subscore from each section is used to determine the SAT combined score for initial eligibility (SAT: critical reading and math sections only; see handout for sliding scale).
- ✓ Best subscore from each section is used to determine the ACT sum score for initial eligibility (ACT: English, math, reading and science sections; see handout for sliding scale).
- ✓ Enter 9999 during ACT or SAT registration to ensure the testing agency reports your score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Test scores on transcripts will not be used.

## NCAA DIVISION II INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Core Courses: (16)

- ✓ Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see handout for subject-area requirements).
- ✓ Required GPA of core courses is **MINIMUM 2.0.**
- ✓ Only core courses that appear on the high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA (see handout for core course listings).

### Test Scores: (ACT/SAT)

- ✓ Division II currently requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sub score of 68.
- ✓ Best subscore from each section is used to determine the SAT combined score for initial eligibility (SAT: critical reading and math sections only).
- ✓ Best subscore from each section is used to determine the ACT sum score for initial eligibility (ACT: English, math, reading and science sections).
- ✓ Enter 9999 during ACT or SAT registration to ensure the testing agency reports your score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center. Test scores on transcripts will not be used.

# Steps to Achieving Eligibility – Class of 2018

## NCAA DIVISION I INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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## NCAA DIVISION II INITIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Core Courses: (16)

- ✓ Sixteen (16) core courses are required (see handout for subject-area requirements).
- ✓ Required GPA of core courses is **NOW 2.2.**
- ✓ Only core courses that appear on the high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website ([www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)) will be used to calculate your core-course GPA (see handout for core course listings).

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# What is a Core Course?

- Academic course
- 4-year college prep
- Be taught at or above your high school's regular academic level (no remedial courses)
- Not ALL courses you take to meet HS graduation requirements may be used as core courses
- **Keystone Algebra, Keystone Biology, and Keystone Literature are not NCAA approved Core Courses**

**Red Lion Area SHS Approved  
NCAA Core Courses as of 2013-14**

**New courses for the 2014 – 2015 school year will be submitted for approval in November 2014**

**English:**

- Communications
- English 9 CP
- English 10 CP
- English 11 CP
- English 12 CP
- English 12 AP
- Honors English 10
- Honors English 11
- Honors English 9
- Journalism
- Public Speaking
- Writing

**Social Science:**

- 20<sup>th</sup> Century Am History CP
- Am Gov & Econ CP
- College/HS US History I
- College /HS US History II
- College/HS Western Civilization I
- College/HS Western Civilization II
- Conflict and War in America
- Current Issues
- European History AP
- Honors 20<sup>th</sup> Century Am History
- Honors Am Gov & Economic Systems
- Local History
- Modern American Society
- Presidential History
- Psychological Perspectives
- Psychology
- Social Problems
- Sociology
- The Significant Individual in History
- United States Gov & Politics AP
- US History AP
- World History CP
- World Religious Systems

**Mathematics:**

- Algebra 1 CP
- Algebra 1 A/B CP
- Algebra 1 B CP
- Calculus AP
- Calculus AP – Level 2
- College Calculus
- College Prep Algebra 2
- College Prep Geometry
- Honors Algebra 1
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Geometry
- Probability & Statistics
- Trig & College Algebra
- Trig & Pre-Calculus

**Natural/Physical Science:**

- Anatomy & Physiology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- Biology AP
- Biology CP
- Biology Honors
- Chemical Analysis
- Chemistry CP
- Chemistry Honors
- College/HS Biology 101
- College/HS Biology 102
- General Science 1
- Global Biology
- Honors Physics
- Nuclear Science
- Organic Chemistry/Intro
- Physics AP
- Physics CP

**Additional Core Courses:**

- French 1
- French 2
- French 3
- French 4
- German 1
- German 2
- German 3
- German 4
- Latin 1
- Latin 2
- Latin 3
- Latin 4
- Spanish 1
- Spanish 2
- Spanish 3
- Spanish 4

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# Role of Parent/Student Athlete

- Communicate with Guidance Counselor of possible interest in collegiate sport
- Explore NCAA Eligibility website
- Understand core course requirements
- Understand GPA and SAT/ACT requirements
- Research the division level of chosen collegiate sport
- Obtain NCAA packet in Guidance Office
- Register online by the end of junior year



# Role of Counselor

When interest in collegiate athletics is shared...

- Advise student of NCAA approved core courses for Red Lion Area SHS
- Explain core GPA and SAT/ACT Clearinghouse requirements
- Demonstrate to student how to complete the Division I and II Core Course Worksheet
- See link for Completed Sample Worksheet

# Registration to NCAA EC – Students should register by the end of the junior year

NCAA Eligibility Center - Google Chrome  
web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA\_EMS/NCAA\_EMS.html#

The screenshot shows the NCAA Eligibility Center website with a virtual presenter, a calendar, and several informational cards. The cards include a welcome message, a checklist, and a notice about changing standards for the Class of 2016 and beyond. A login form is visible in the top right corner.

**Welcome to the NCAA Eligibility Center.**  
*Your student-athlete experience begins here.*  
At this site, you'll find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience.  
Explore this site to learn more about the NCAA, its athletics divisions, its sports and other information.  
Click on the phone or use the login box in the top right corner to complete your registration for eligibility.

**Checklist:**

- Create account
- Complete registration

**CLASS OF 2016 AND BEYOND...**  
Initial-eligibility standards are changing.  
**CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE**

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Password or PIN  
Forgot password **GO**

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