



Home School Frequently Asked Questions

What if I was home schooled for all or part of high school?

Students who were home schooled for any part of high school (grades nine through 12) must now register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. The NCAA Eligibility Center will determine whether home schooled college-bound student-athletes will be eligible for practice, competition and institutional financial aid at an NCAA Division I or II college or university during their freshman year. The NCAA Eligibility Center will perform preliminary and final certification reports for home schooled students. The preliminary analysis of a student's academic record will enable the student to become aware of any deficiencies in their academic record and allow the student to rectify those deficiencies prior to high school graduation.

When should I register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

College-bound student-athletes looking to attend an NCAA Division I or II college or university should register at the beginning of their junior year of high school.

How do I register with the NCAA Eligibility Center?

Home schooled students should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center online at www.eligibilitycenter.org.

What documents are required?

Please review and print the [Home School Checklist](#) to view a complete list of the required steps for home school college-bound student-athletes. Next, in order to evaluate your certification status for purposes of NCAA initial eligibility, please submit the following information to the NCAA Eligibility Center:

- Online registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- Fee payment.
- Standardized test score (ACT and/or SAT) must be submitted directly from the testing agency using code **9999** to select the NCAA Eligibility Center as a score recipient. Note that test scores received on a transcript cannot be used by the NCAA Eligibility Center. A Student Score Report or scores taken directly from a Student Score Report cannot be accepted by the NCAA Eligibility Center for initial-eligibility purposes.
- Home school transcript that includes: ([Transcript Example](#))
 - Course titles;
 - Course grades;
 - Units of credit for courses;
 - Grading scale (if numeric grading is used, alpha/letter equivalent grades are needed);
 - Signature of the home school administrator (the parent or other person who organized, taught and evaluated the home school coursework).

- Transcript from any other high school, college, and/or nontraditional program attended (mailed directly from the issuing institution).
- Proof of high school graduation, including specific graduation date (month/day/year).
- Evidence that home schooling was conducted in accordance with state laws (**a written statement from the home school administrator verifying compliance with state home school legislation**). Please attach any supporting documentation.
- A statement of who taught and evaluated the coursework, awarded grades and issued credit.
- List of textbooks used throughout home schooling [text titles, publisher or ISBN and in which specific course(s) used]. ([Textbook List Example](#))

If your home school coursework was taken through an established nontraditional program (e.g., correspondence, internet, tutoring, etc.) that evaluated your coursework and issues transcripts, please have that program provide a copy of your transcript and provide contact information so that the Eligibility Center can obtain further information, if necessary.

Also, if you were home schooled in New York, please note the NCAA Eligibility Center cannot accept "proof of graduation" from a diploma issued by a home school in New York, because the state of New York does not recognize diplomas that are issued by a home school. If a student is home schooled in New York and does not graduate from a high school, that student would have to provide a GED certificate in order to meet the NCAA's graduation requirement.

The NCAA Eligibility Center will evaluate home school coursework only after all required documents have been received. After this information is received, the NCAA Eligibility Center may need to request additional information or clarification before completing the certification.

Please direct all inquiries regarding this matter to home school evaluation at the NCAA Eligibility Center.

HOME SCHOOL EVALUATION ADDRESS AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Address: NCAA Eligibility Center (ATTN: Home School Evaluation), 1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202-6222

NOTE – DO NOT SEND HOME SCHOOL INFORMATION TO THE NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER P.O. BOX

Phone Number: 877/262-1492. Select option four (4) to be directed to the home school department.

Some coaches who are recruiting me are afraid that I won't get approved as a qualifier. What can I do to assure them I am taking all the right courses?

You will want to work with your parents or home school instructor to ensure that you are indeed taking the required number of core courses in the appropriate subject matters. You should provide the NCAA college or university a copy of your home school transcript and ACT/SAT scores.

What courses may be used to meet the core-course requirements?

In ***Division I***, generally only courses completed in grades nine through 12 (eight semesters) may be considered core courses. However, if the student has graduated on time after the eighth semester of high school, one core-course unit taken in summer school prior to initial full-time collegiate enrollment may be used to meet the core-course requirements. In ***Division II***, a student may use all core courses completed prior to initial, full-time collegiate enrollment (regardless of when he or she graduates) to meet the core-curriculum requirements. A college course taken during high school by a home schooled student may be used to meet the core-course requirement, provided: (1) the course is placed on the home high school transcript; (2) an official college transcript is received directly from the issuing institution; (3) the course would be accepted for any other student; and (4) the course meets all requirements to be considered a core course. For ***both Divisions***, courses completed during the eighth grade may also be used, provided they meet core-course requirements and are placed on the home school transcript with a grade and credit. [Note: Courses with credits awarded through credit-by-exam **will not be used** to meet core-course requirements.]

*****Please refer to the Home School Resource page (by going to www.eligibilitycenter.org, clicking the link for college-bound student-athletes and then the "Resources" tab) for further home school information. This page contains additional information, a home school checklist, home school transcript example and a textbook list example.***