

****NEW NCAA ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS Effective August 1st, 2016 DIV I/ August 1st, 2018 DIV II****

If your student is wanting to play sports in college at an NCAA school- they need to plan their high school coursework carefully.

BOTH the NCAA Eligibility Criteria AND Washington State Graduation Requirements are changing.

Here is a link to a quick NCAA reference sheet: http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Quick_Reference_Sheet.pdf

Here is a link to the NCAA eligibility center: <http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/> or <http://www.ncaa.org/static/2point3/>

Here is a link to Washington State graduation requirements: <http://www.k12.wa.us/GraduationRequirements/default.aspx>

KEY things to know:

- NCAA Eligibility is **not based** on your **overall GPA BUT** your GPA in the **16 'CORE' Courses**.
- Eligibility is different for DIV I and DIV II (see table below)
- School counselors are available to assist you **BUT it is not their job to make sure you are on track for the NCAA Eligibility criteria.**

<u>NCAA DIV</u>	<u>DIV I Eligibility</u>	<u>DIV II Eligibility:</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
16 Core Courses	4- years of English 3- years of math (Algebra I or higher) 2- years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab) 1- year of additional English, math or natural/physical science 2- years of social science 4- years of additional courses (any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy) - Ten (10) core courses must be completed before the seventh semester (end of Junior year) ; seven (7) of the 10 must be in English, math or natural/physical science. - These 10 courses/grades are "locked in" at start of the seventh semester (cannot be repeated GPA improvement to meet initial-eligibility requirements for competition).	3- years of English 2- years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher). 2- years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab) 3- years 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 comparative religion/philosophy).	Note the rigor difference between DIV I & DIV II in regards to completion of 10 of the core courses: Ten Core Courses must be completed prior to their senior year AND those grades are 'locked in' and cannot be retaken for a better grade/GPA
GPA & Test Scores:	GPA- No lower than a 2.3 to be eligible for competition SAT/ACT- Division I uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core-course grade-point averages to determine eligibility.	GPA- No lower than 2.20 to be eligible for competition SAT/ACT-Must have a <i>minimum SAT score of 820</i> or an <i>ACT sum score of 68</i>. - Beginning Aug. 1st, 2018 Division II will use a sliding scale to match test scores and core-course grade-point averages to determine eligibility.	SAT: <u>only</u> the critical reading and math SAT scores to determine eligibility. The writing score is not used. ACT: <u>only</u> the sum of English, Math, Reading and Science ACT scores to determine eligibility.

For students at Black Hills High School:

BHHS NCAA APPROVED COURSES *Revised 02-18-2015 (subject to change in the 2016-2017 school year)* can be found in an attachment on the School Website Page: [Master Schedule and Course Catalog](#). The following BHHS courses have been approved by the NCAA for establishing the initial eligibility of student athletes:

ENGLISH (9): AP Literature & English, AP Composition & Language, Freshman English, English 9-Honors, Sophomore English, English-10 Honor, Junior English, Senior English, Journalism (.5)

SOCIAL SCIENCES (7): AP Government, AP US History, US History, AP World History, World History I/II, Washington State History, Global Leadership (.5), Civics (.5), Psychology/Sociology (?) (conflicting info on course description NCAA OR NOT?)*

MATH (8): Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Geometry, Accelerated Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus CD

SCIENCES (6/7): Biology, AP Biology, Chemistry, Human Anatomy & Physiology, Physical Science, Physics, Astronomy (? Not listed in course catalog, may not be available) *

ADDITIONAL CORE COURSES (9): French 1, 2, 3; German 1, 2, 3; Spanish 1, 2, 3

Here is an example of how to map it out:

Remember- if you think DIV I is an option you need **10 Core Courses (7 in ENG/MATH/Sc.) Before the end of your Junior Year.**

NCAA CORE	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Junior or Senior Year				Senior		
ENGLISH:	Freshman English	Sophomore English	Junior English	Journalism		AP Literature & English		Senior English		AP Comp. & Language
SOCIAL SCIENCES:		World History 1/2	US History					AP Gov.	Civics (.5) Global Leadership(.5)	Psychology/Sociology (?)*
MATH:	Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Algebra 2	Pre-Calculus	Calculus		Calculus	AP Calculus AB	AP Calculus CD
SCIENCE:	Physical Science (G. 9 only)	Biology	Biology Chemistry	Biology Chemistry	Human Anatomy & Phys.	Physical Sc.	Astronomy (?)*		Physics	AP Biology
Add. Core Courses	Foreign Lang. 1	Foreign Lang 1 or 2	Foreign Lang 2 or 3					Foreign Lang. 3		
TOTALS	4	5	5					5		

Other HS Course Catalogs to identify which courses are NCAA approved at other area High Schools:

[Olympia](#), [Capital](#), [Tumwater](#), [Black Hills HS](#), [Timberline](#), [North Thurston HS](#), [River Ridge](#), [WF West](#), [Centralia HS](#)

Here is a sample NCAA bound athlete map for 4 years:

NCAA CORE	<i>Freshman Year</i>	<i>Sophomore Year</i>	<i>Junior Year</i>	<i>Senior Year</i> <i>Would only need 2 Core Classes</i>	
ENGLISH:	Freshman English	Sophomore English	Junior English	Senior English	Required to Graduate in WA
SOCIAL SCIENCES:		World History	US History	Civics (.5) Global Leadership (.5)	Required to Graduate in WA
MATH:		Algebra 1	Geometry	Algebra 2	Recommended for College Readiness
SCIENCE:	Physical Science (G. 9 only)	Biology		Human Anatomy & Physiology	Could take this Junior or Senior year
Add. Core Courses	Foreign Lang. 1	Foreign Lang. 2	Foreign Lang. 3	Would only need 4 Core Courses to reach the 16 required	
NCAA CORE TOTALS	3 Core	5 Core	4 Core		
Grand Total	3 Core	8 Core	12 Core	16 Core Courses	

Remember: This ↑ is ONLY for NCAA Eligibility

Your child also has to complete additional [WA State requirements for graduation](#)↓;

much of the NCAA Eligibility aligns with Washington State graduation requirements.

	Classes of <u>2017</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019 and Beyond</u>
English		4.0 Credits
Math	3.0 Credits (Through Algebra 2)	3.0 Credits (*through Geometry plus one more year of math)
Science	2.0 Credits (with one Lab)	3.0 Credits (with two Labs)*
Social Studies	3.0 Credits: World History, US History, American Government & Senior Social Studies	
Visual & Performing Arts	1.0 Credits	2.0 Credits
Health & Fitness	2.0 Credits	
Occupational Education	1.0 Credits	
Electives	4.0 credits	
World Language or Personalized Pathway	Not required for WA graduation (required for NCAA/College Prep)	2.0 Credits Both credits may be a Personalized Pathway Requirements**
Total Required Credits	20 Credits	24 Credits

*The 3rd credit of science and the 3rd credit of math are chosen by the student based on the student's interest and High School and Beyond Plan, and approved by the parent or guardian, or if the parent or guardian is unavailable or does not indicate a preference, the school counselor or principal ([WAC 180-51-068](#)).

**Personalized Pathway Requirement are related courses that lead to a specific post high school career or educational outcome chosen by the student based on the student's interests and High School and Beyond Plan, that may include Career and Technical Education, and are intended to provide a focus for the student's learning.