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NCAA INITIAL ELIGIBILITY

For High Schools

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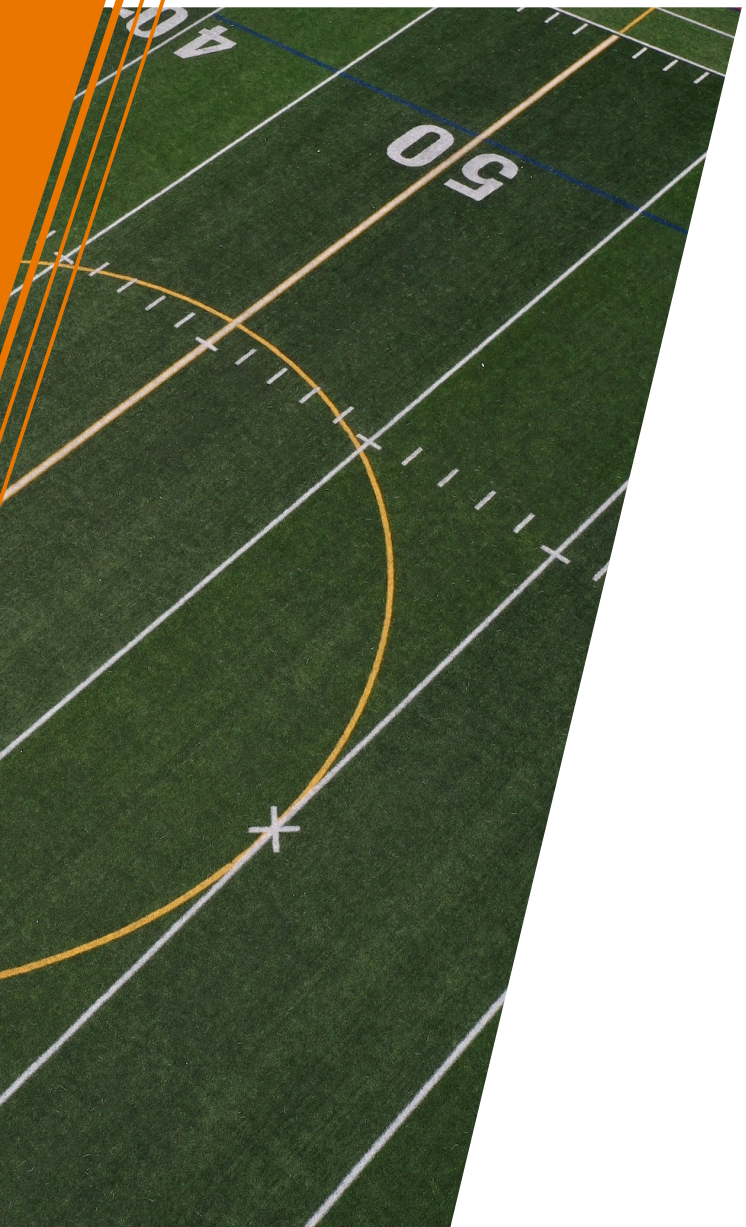

AGENDA

- NCAA Eligibility Center.
- NCAA Schools.
- Registration is Required.
- Core Courses.
- Certification Outcomes.
  - Division I.
  - Division II.
- Recruiting.
- High School Portal.
- Resources.

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- **Who are we?** A unit within the NCAA.
- **What do we provide?** Certification of college-bound student-athletes for collegiate competition.
- **What do we review?**
  - Academic requirements.
  - Amateurism requirements.

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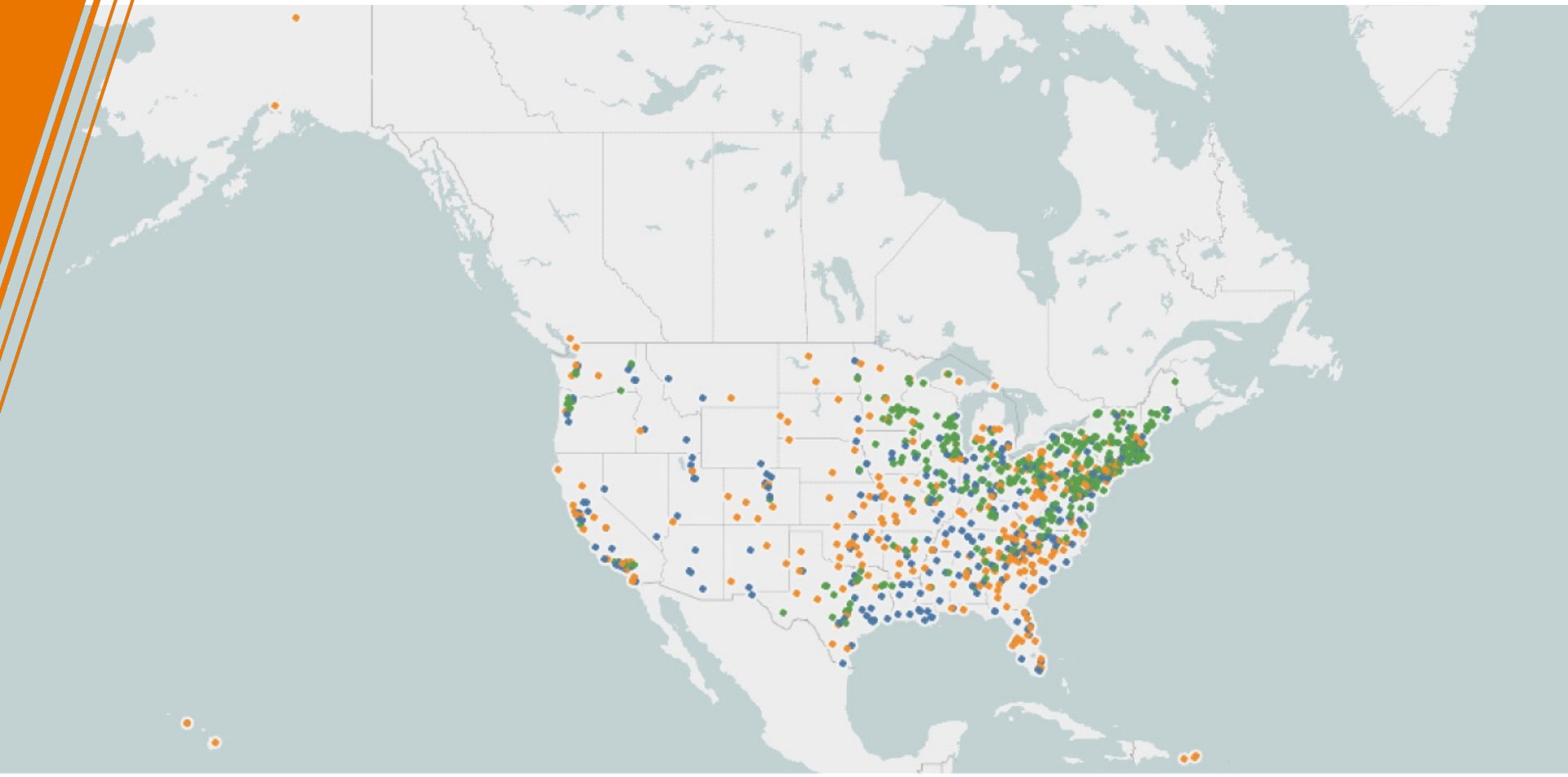

NCAA SCHOOLS

NCAA THREE DIVISIONS

DIVISION	DIVISION I	DIVISION II MAKE IT YOURS	DIVISION III DISCOVER | DEVELOP | DEDICATE
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS*	351 (33%)	296 (27%)	433 (40%)
MEDIAN UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT	8,449	2,300	1,655
STUDENTS WHO ARE ATHLETES	1 in 22	1 in 9	1 in 6
AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEAMS PER SCHOOL	19	16	19
PERCENTAGE OF NCAA STUDENT-ATHLETES IN EACH DIVISION	36%	25%	39%
ATHLETICS SCHOLARSHIPS	Multiyear, cost-of-attendance athletics scholarships available **58%** of athletes receive athletics aid	Partial athletics scholarship model **67%** of athletes receive athletics aid	No athletics scholarships **80%** of athletes receive nonathletics aid

NCAA SPORTS

FALL SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Cross Country	Cross Country
Football	Field Hockey
Soccer	Soccer
Water Polo	Volleyball

WINTER SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Basketball	Basketball
Fencing	Bowling
Gymnastics	Fencing
Ice Hockey	Gymnastics
Indoor Track and Field	Ice Hockey
Rifle	Indoor Track and Field
Skiing	Rifle
Swimming and Diving	Skiing
Wrestling	Swimming and Diving

SPRING SPORTS

MEN:	WOMEN:
Baseball	Beach Volleyball
Golf	Golf
Lacrosse	Lacrosse
Outdoor Track and Field	Outdoor Track and Field
Tennis	Rowing
Volleyball	Softball
	Tennis
	Water Polo

EMERGING SPORTS

WOMEN:
Acrobatics and Tumbling
Equestrian (Divisions I and II only)
Rugby
Stunt (Division II only)
Triathlon
Wrestling

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CHOOSING AN NCAA SCHOOL

School Size

School Location

Majors and Minors

Cost of Attendance

Admission Requirements

Culture and Affiliations

Student-to-Faculty Ratio

Playing Time

» Encourage your students to this **interactive map** to locate NCAA schools they're interested in attending.

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THREE REQUIREMENTS TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS

High School Graduation

NCAA Initial Eligibility

College Admission

COLLEGE ADMISSION

- Apply and be accepted to the NCAA school before they can compete.
  - NCAA certification does **NOT** include acceptance to the NCAA school recruiting them.
- Ask college admission about:
  - Cost of attendance.
  - Financial aid.
  - Standardized test scores.
    - May be required for college admission or scholarships.
    - NOT required for NCAA certification.
  - For more questions to ask, visit on.ncaa.com/ChoosingCollege.

SCHOLARSHIPS BY SPORT

Only about **2% of high school-athletes** are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college.

- Academic scholarships.
- Athletics scholarships.
- Expectations.
  - Annual scholarships.
  - Full scholarships.
  - Partial scholarships.
  - Scholarship renewals.

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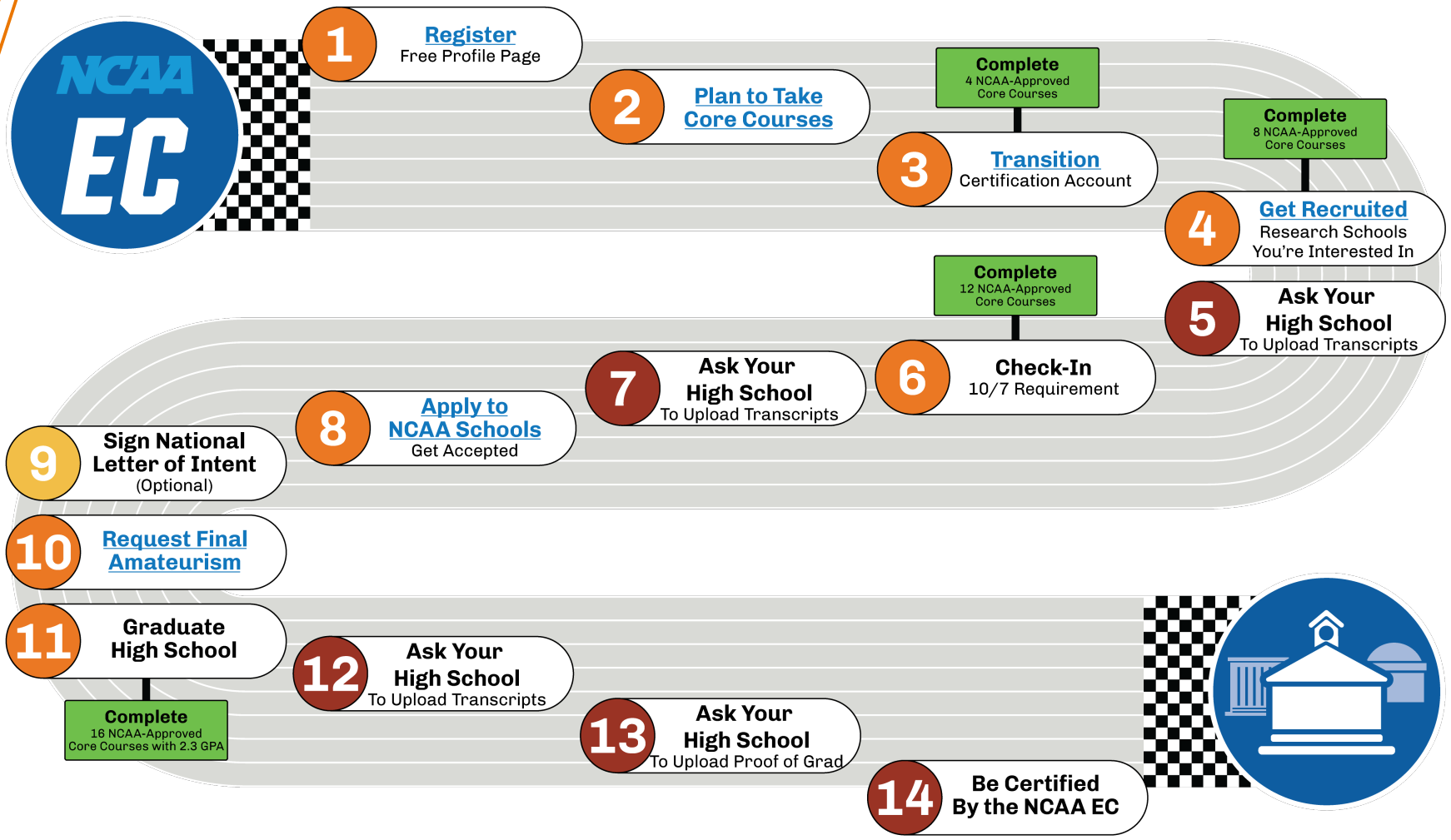
KEEP CERTIFICATIONS ON TRACK



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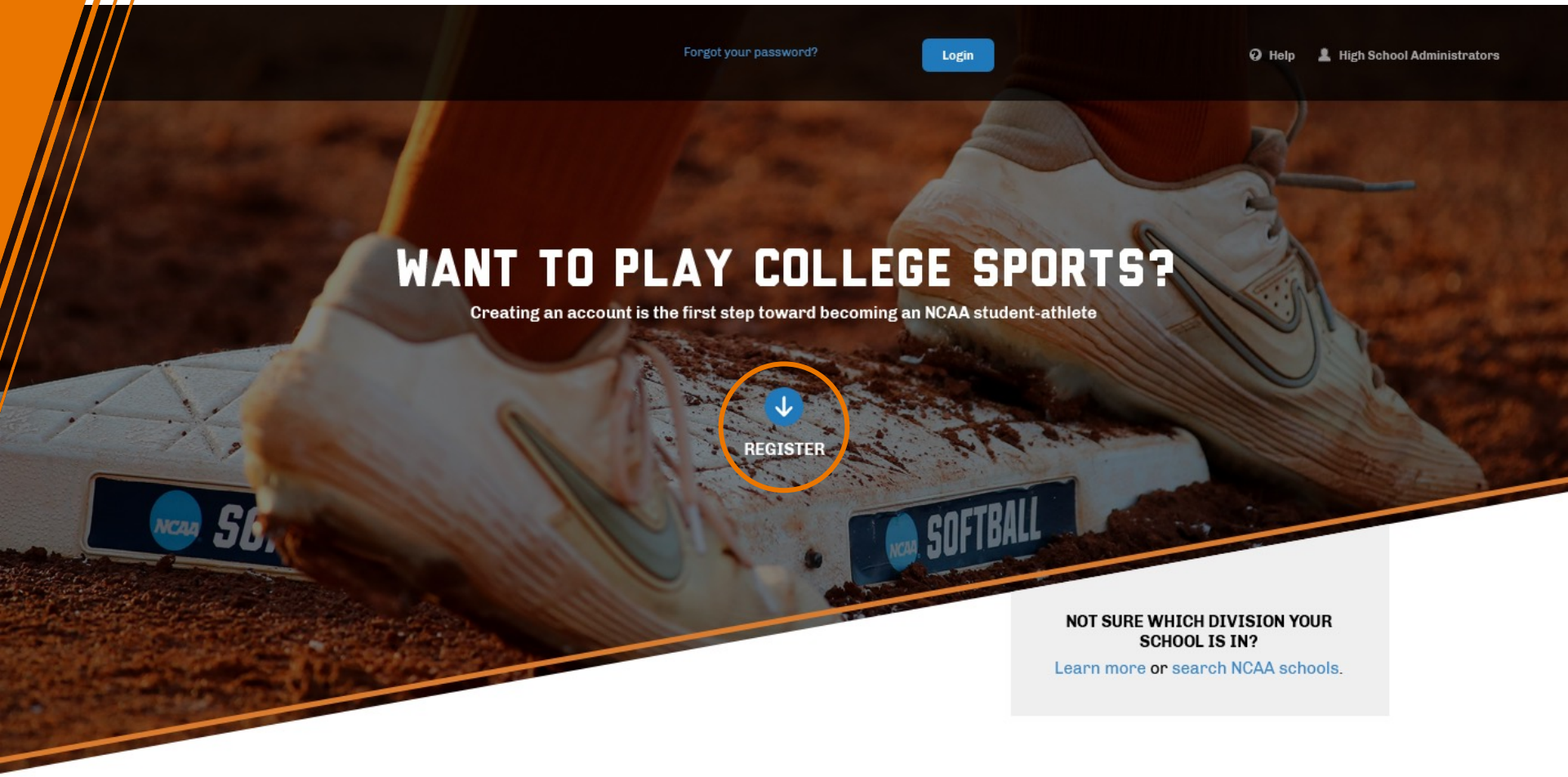

NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Register Before Freshman Year

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NCAA REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Three Account Types

Free Profile Page Account

Academic and Amateurism Certification Account

Amateurism-Only Certification Account

FREE PROFILE PAGE ACCOUNT

Account Type #1

The right place to start for most students!

» Not sure in which division they plan to compete.

» Domestic students planning to compete at a **Division III school**.

» Registering in an NCAA-certified nonscholastic basketball event (**BBCS**, ECAG, AAU).

No registration fee.

Transition to the right **certification account** at any time.

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ACADEMIC AND AMATEURISM CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #2

Required to compete at a Division I or II school.

» Go on **official visits**.

» Sign a **National Letter of Intent**.

» Receive an athletics scholarship.

Registration fee:

» **Domestic students**: $100.

» **International students**: $160.

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AMATEURISM-ONLY CERTIFICATION ACCOUNT

Account Type #3

Required for all **international student-athletes** planning to compete at a Division III school.

Registration fee:

» $70.

Student-athletes transferring from a two-year school to an NCAA Division I or II school who did not require an Eligibility Center academic certification.

REMEMBER

» If your student has an Eligibility Center certification account, remind them to check if they meet **fee waiver criteria**.

HOW TO SUBMIT A FEE WAIVER

- You must confirm if your student meets any of the fee waiver criteria through the **High School Portal**.
- To learn how to submit a fee waiver, **view this tutorial**.
  - ***Note:*** If a student meets any fee waiver criteria and has not attended a U.S. high school (e.g., international or, home school students), a task will be assigned to their Eligibility Center account with fee waiver requirement instructions.

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CORE COURSES

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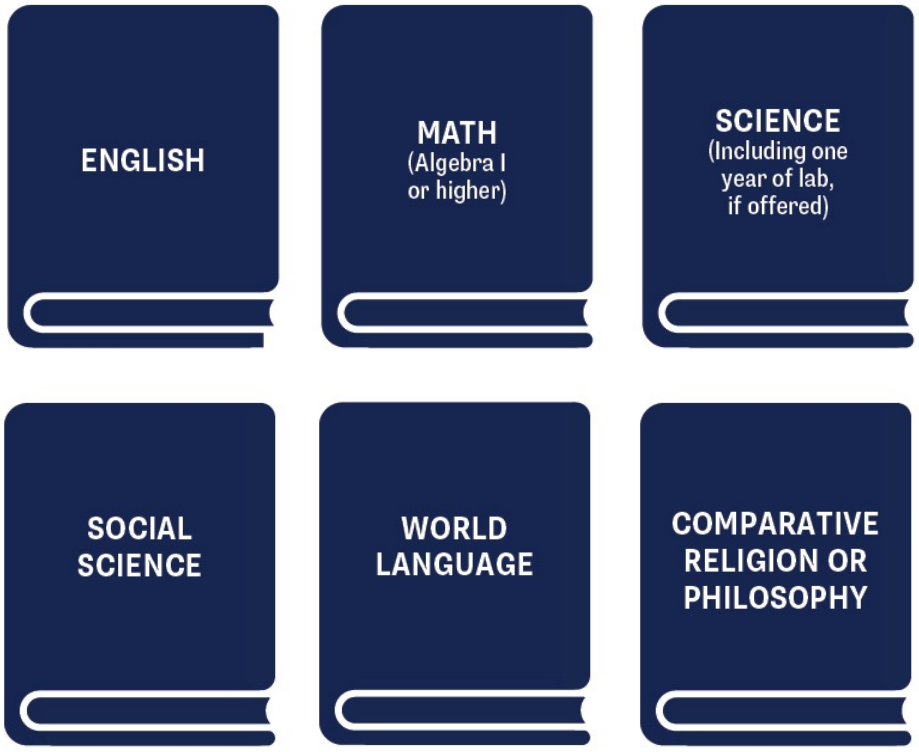
WHAT IS A CORE COURSE?

» Meets all requirements for an **NCAA-approved core course**.



» Find your **high school's list** of NCAA-approved core courses.

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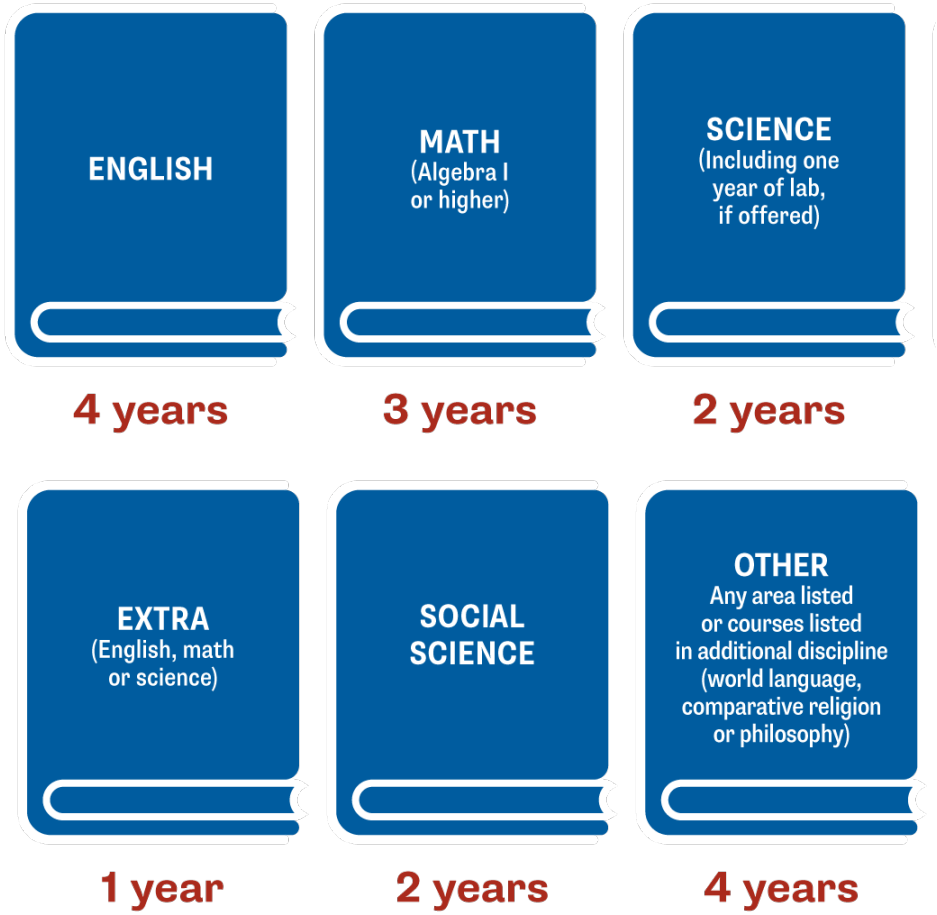
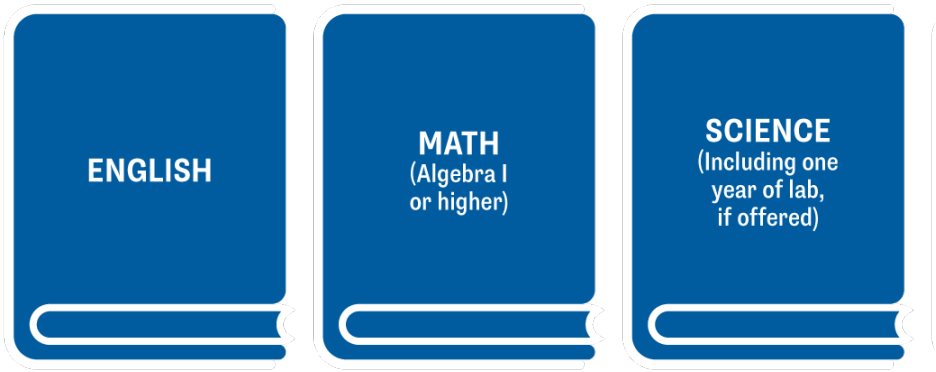
DIVISION I: 16 CORE-COURSE UNITS

Complete 16 core-course units in eight academic semesters.



DIVISION I: CORE-COURSE TIME LIMITATION

Complete 10 of their 16 NCAA-approved core-course credits, including seven in English, math or science, before the start of the seventh semester.



» Once a student begins their seventh semester, any course that is needed to meet the 10/7 requirement cannot be replaced or repeated.

EXAMPLE SCHEDULE

How to plan your high school courses to meet the 16 core-course requirement:

4 x 4 = 16

9th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

10th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

11th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

12th GRADE
- (1) English
- (1) Math
- (1) Science
- (1) Social Science and/or other

4 CORE COURSES

HOW TO MANAGE CORE-COURSE LISTS

- To learn how to manage your school's core-course list, **view this tutorial**.
- Core-course titles submitted will be reviewed to determine if meets all NCAA core-course legislation.
  - Course contents.
  - Rigor of performance tasks/assessments.
- ***Note:*** The **High School Review Committee Policies and Procedures** outlines the criteria used for review of core courses.

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NCAA COURSES

» In the **My High School's NCAA Courses tab**, you can:

- View your school's account status, summary, grading scale and core-course information.
- Find your school's list of NCAA-approved core courses, courses on hold because additional information is required, archived titles and courses designated as "not approved."

High School Summary	
NCAA High School Code	
CEEB Code	
High School Name	UNIVERSAL SCHOOL
Address	1802 ALONZO WATFORD SR. DRIVE INDIANAPOLIS IN - 46202
Primary Contact Name	NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER
Primary Contact Phone	
Primary Contact Fax	
Primary Contact Email	ecupdate@ncaa.org
Secondary Contact Name	NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER
Secondary Contact Phone	
Secondary Contact Fax	
Secondary Contact Email	ec-clientrelations@ncaa.org
School Website	http://www.eligibilitycenter.org
Link to Online Course Catalog/Program of Studies	
Last Update of List of NCAA Courses	
Other Teams Formally Affiliated	

NCAA COURSES

» In **Status of Updates tab**, you can:

- Check the status of your core-course submissions over the last 60 days.

Note: Submissions will be marked as “Complete” or “Incomplete.” For courses that have been reviewed, you may find the decisions by clicking the My High School’s List of NCAA Courses tab.

NCAA COURSES

» In the **Submit Updates to My School's List tab**, you can:

- Add new course offerings.
- Archive courses no longer taught (these can still be used in student certifications).
- Change the names of course title(s).
- Add science lab to existing titles.

» In the **Submit Pending Course Documents tab**, you can:

- Upload core-course documents for review for titles listed in "Additional Information Required."
- Submit core-course documents for review if you believe one of the following "Not Approved" reason codes were misapplied (RC 5, 11, 12, 17).

REMEMBER

- **The COVID-19 distance, e-learning or hybrid programs policy** applies to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance, e-learning or hybrid courses in 2022-23 at schools with NCAA-approved core courses.
- **It does NOT apply to courses completed on or after September 1, 2023.**
- Contact the Eligibility Center to have nontraditional programs reviewed, if you haven't already.

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CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

Divisions I and II

Division I

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. Early Academic Qualifier.
2. Qualifier.
3. Academic Redshirt.
4. Nonqualifier.

- » Athletics Aid.
- » Practice.
- » Compete.

DIVISION I: QUALIFIER

16

Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

10/7

Meet core-course progression before the seventh semester.

Note: Students certified based solely on international credentials are exempt from core-course progression.

2.3

Earn a core-course GPA ≥2.3 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

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- First Year Athletics Aid.
- First Term Practice.

DIVISION I: ACADEMIC REDSHIRT

16

Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

2.0

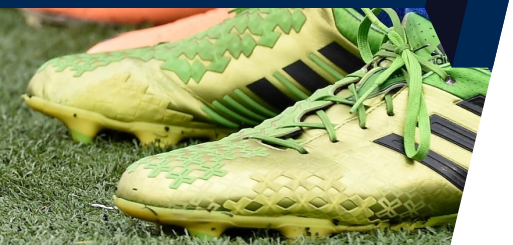
Earn a core-course GPA ≥2.0 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION I: NONQUALIFIER

Nonqualifiers are not eligible to receive athletics aid, practice or compete their first year at an NCAA Division I school.

- ~~Athletics Aid.~~
- ~~Practice.~~
- ~~Compete.~~



Division II

CERTIFICATION OUTCOMES

1. Early Academic Qualifier.
2. Qualifier.
3. Partial Qualifier.

- Athletics Aid.
- Practice.
- Compete.

DIVISION II: QUALIFIER

16

Complete 16 core-course units in the required subject areas.

2.2

Earn a core-course GPA ≥2.2 in the required subject areas.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

DIVISION II: PARTIAL QUALIFIER

College-bound student-athletes that do not meet Division II qualifier standards will be deemed a partial qualifier.

Submit proof of graduation to the Eligibility Center.

- Athletics Aid.
- Practice.

DIVISION III

- Each Division III school determines its own eligibility for:
  - Academic requirements.
  - Admission.
  - Financial aid.
- **International student-athletes** who plan to compete at a Division III school must complete an NCAA Eligibility Center Amateurism-Only Certification account.
- Domestic student-athletes who plan to compete at a Division III school may register for a free Profile Page account, but it is not required.

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RECRUITING

IS YOUR STUDENT BEING RECRUITED?

» A student is being recruited if a college coach:

Calls

Texts

Emails

Messages via Social Media

Visits Your High School

Pays Expenses to Visit Campus

Issues National Letter of Intent

Writes Offer of Financial Aid

» Recruiting can begin as early as freshman year.

- In most cases, recruiting starts before junior year.

INSTITUTIONAL REQUEST LIST

» An **IRL** is a list of college-bound student-athletes an NCAA school is interested in recruiting.

- A student **must** be on an NCAA school's IRL to receive an Eligibility Center certification.
  - Receive athletics aid.
  - Practice.
  - Compete.

RECRUITING CALENDARS

NCAA Division I and II recruiting calendars promote student well-being and ensure fairness among schools by defining certain periods during the year in which recruiting may or may not occur in a particular sport.

*Division, Sport and Grade Level Determines Recruiting Activities**			
Contact Period	***Evaluation Period***	***Quiet Period***	***Dead Period***
College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.	College coaches may call, write, text or email you and your family.
College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.	College coaches may not watch you compete.
College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.	College coaches may not visit your high school.
College coaches may have face-to-face contact with you and your family.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family off the college's campus.	College coaches may only have face-to-face contact with you and your family on the college's campus.	College coaches may not have face-to-face contact with you or your family.

To view a division- and sport-specific recruiting calendar visit on.ncaa.com/RecruitCal.

OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

OFFICIAL VISITS

Official visits are any visit to a college campus paid for by the NCAA school the student is visiting. Before a Division I or II official visit, the student must:

Register for a Certification Account

Be on an IRL

Send High School Transcripts

UNOFFICIAL VISITS

Unofficial visits are any visit to a college campus paid by the student or their family members.

OFFICIAL VS UNOFFICIAL VISITS

What can an NCAA school pay for during an official visit?

Division I	*Division II*	*Division III*
Transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting for you (and up to two family members).	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.	Your transportation to and from the NCAA school you're visiting.
Your lodging.	Your lodging.	Your lodging.
Up to three meals per day for you and up to four family members.	Your meals.	Up to three on-campus meals per day for you.
Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to $60 per recruited student-athlete and up to four family members accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to $30 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including five tickets to a home sports event).	Reasonable entertainment expenses (including up to $40 per recruited student-athlete and any family member accompanying you, including tickets to home sports events).

What can an NCAA school pay for during an unofficial visit?

Division I	*Division II*	*Division III*
Complimentary admission (including three tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including five tickets for a home athletics contest).	Complimentary admission (including tickets for you and those accompanying you).

QUESTIONS TO ASK NCAA COACHES

- Additional team responsibilities.
- Athletic training and medical expenses.
- Coaching philosophy and style.
- Degree completion support.
- Injuries and rehabilitation.
- Mental health resources.
- Playing time.
  - Am I a top seed, five seed or standby recruit?
  - Are there any redshirt expectations?
- Scholarship renewals.
  - Will I receive a full or partial scholarship?
  - If I'm injured will my scholarship remain?
- Team time demands.

RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

- Encourage your student to talk with their support system about what level of competition they think the student should aim for.
- Remind them to check their email often for open Eligibility Center tasks.
- Encourage them to use this **interactive map** to locate NCAA schools they're interested in attending.
  - Help them research admission requirements to NCAA schools they're interested in attending.
- Remind them to research their division- and sport-specific recruiting periods.

RECRUITING BEST PRACTICES

» Encourage them to email college coaches during their sport's contact period to share achievements and interest.

  ○ Include their name, position and **NCAA ID**.

Student Name
NCAA ID: 1234567890
Grad: MM/YYYY | Enroll: SEASON YYYY

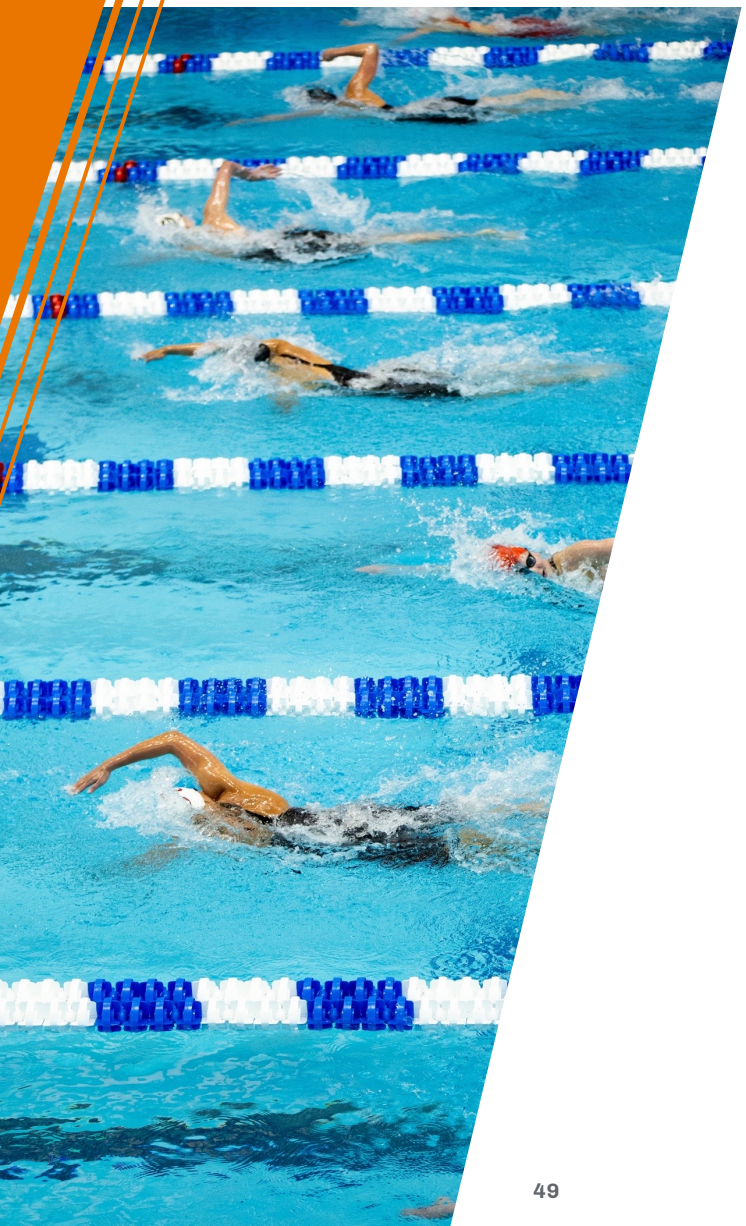
» Remind them to take official and unofficial visits to NCAA schools.

  ○ Help them review school websites and take virtual campus tours to learn more about NCAA schools.

» Encourage them to conduct themself in a positive manner in class, practices and games, at home, in their community and online.

NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS

- NCAA student-athletes can benefit from their NIL.
- For more resources:
  - Visit ncaa.org/nil.
  - Encourage students to contact their state's High School Athletic Association for current legislation.
  - Encourage students to contact their future NCAA school's compliance office.
  - Follow the Eligibility Center on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.



NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

- By signing a NLI, the student agrees to attend a Division I or II school for one academic year.
- NLI is voluntary and ends the recruiting process.
- Athletics financial aid is provided for a minimum of one academic year.
  - Student must be admitted to the NCAA school.
  - Student must be eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules.
- For more NLI information, visit nationalletter.org.

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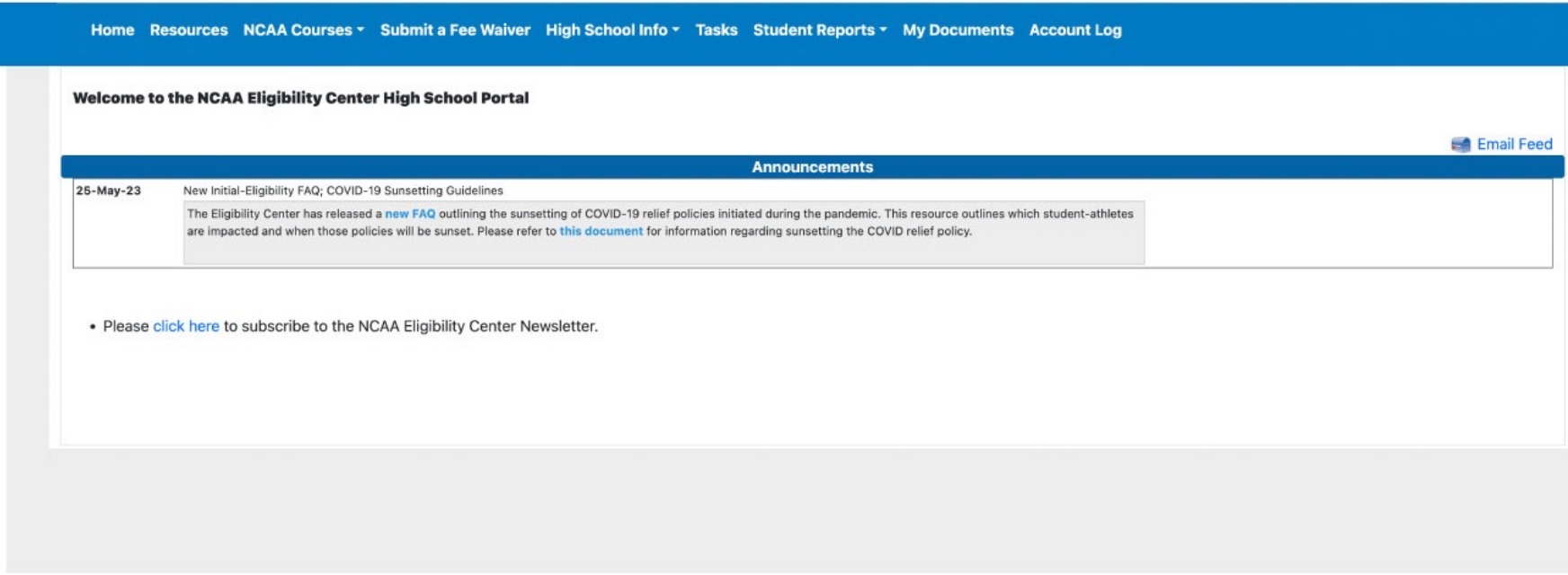

HIGH SCHOOL PORTAL

For Primary and Secondary Contacts

ACCOUNT ACCESS FOR NEW CONTACTS

- If the current primary and secondary contacts are no longer employed at your school, complete the **High School Contact Change Form**.
  - ***Note:*** Your school's primary and secondary contacts should have access to curriculum and student records and have the bandwidth to have ongoing engagement with the Eligibility Center.
- In the **High School Portal**, you can manage your school's core-course list, submit fee waivers, review open tasks and view student reports.

TASKS

» In the **Tasks tab**, you can:

- Review any open/completed task that has been assigned to your account.
- ***Note:*** You'll receive task emails, but it's important to review your task list often. Outstanding tasks could delay your student's certification or prevent them from meeting initial-eligibility requirements.

» To learn how to manage your school's tasks, **view this tutorial**.

STUDENT REPORTS

» In the **Search Student Details tab**, you can:

- View all registered college-bound students-athletes that have indicated attendance at your school.
- Upload transcripts for current and former students.
  - > To learn how to upload transcripts, **view this tutorial**.
  - > ***Note:*** Uploaded transcripts are received in your student's account within 30 minutes.

» In the **Fee Waiver Report tab**, you can:

- Review previously **submitted fee waivers**.

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RESOURCES

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RESOURCES

» Guide for High School Counselors.

» Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete.

» Initial-Eligibility Flyer.

» Visit the High School Portal.

- High School Portal Quick Start Guide.

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Contact the Eligibility Center

» High school support line.
  - 877-622-2321.
    - > Monday-Friday.
    - > 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern time.

» College-bound student-athlete support line.
  - 877-262-1492.
    - > Monday-Friday.
    - > 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time.

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