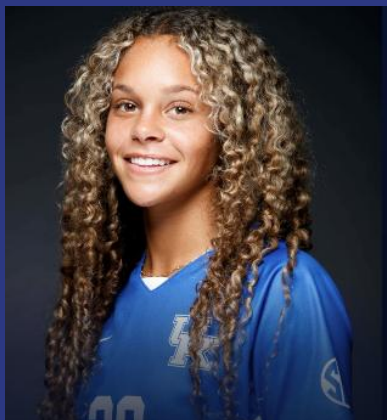




College-Bound Student Athletes

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- What aspiring college athletes need to know:
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College-Bound Athletes





What is the NCAA & NAIA?



National Collegiate Athletic Association

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



NCAA vs. NAIA





What is the NCAA and NAIA Eligibility Center?



DIVISION I OR II

You need to be certified by the NCAA Eligibility Center to compete at an NCAA Division I or II school.

You need to create a Certification Account to make official visits to Divisions I and II schools or to sign a National Letter of Intent. \$100 fee.

DIVISION III OR UNDECIDED

Create a free Profile Page if you plan to compete at a Division III school or are not yet sure where you want to compete.



NAIA Eligibility Center

PlayNAIA.org is the official clearinghouse for NAIA eligibility. Every student-athlete must register with the NAIA Eligibility Center to play sports at an NAIA college or university. \$90 fee.

Eligibility Center





High School Timeline

9th Grade - Register

- If you haven't yet, register for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org for information on NCAA initial-eligibility requirements or NAIA play.mynaia.org
- Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist to ensure you're taking the right courses, and earn the best grades possible!
- » Use NCAA Research's [interactive map](#) to help locate NCAA schools you're interested in attending.

High School Timeline



10th Grade - Plan

- If you're being [actively recruited](#) by an NCAA Division 1 or Division II school, [transition](#) your Profile Page account to the right [certification](#) account.
- Monitor the [task list](#) and [sign up for text alerts](#) in your [Eligibility Center](#) account for next steps.
- Research the admission requirements for NCAA and NAIA schools you're interested in attending.
- If you fall behind academically, ask your high school counselor for help finding approved courses you can take.

High School Timeline



11th Grade - Study

- Ensure your [sports participation](#) information is correct in your Eligibility Center account.
- Check with your high school counselor to make sure you're on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved core courses and graduate on time with your class.
- Share your NCAA ID with NCAA schools recruiting you so each school can place you on its [institutional request list](#).
- Take unofficial and official visits to NCAA schools you're interested in attending.

High School Timeline



12th Grade - Graduate

- Be accepted to the NCAA or NAIA school you plan to attend.
- Ensure your sports participation information is correct and request your final [amateurism certification](#) beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct.1(winter/spring enrollees) in your Eligibility Center account.
- Complete your final NCAA-approved core courses as you prepare for graduation.
- After you graduate, ask the school registrar to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to your NCAA Eligibility Center account.

High School Timeline





Initial Eligibility Standards

Graduation vs. College vs. NCAA Requirements

| | Dist. 203 Graduation Requirements | Average College Admission Requirements* | NCAA Eligibility (Div. 1) Requirements |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Communication Arts | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0~ |
| Mathematics | 3.0 | 4.0 <i>Minimum of Algebra 2</i> | 3.0~ <i>Algebra 1 or Higher</i> |
| Science | 2.0 | 3.0 - 4.0* <i>Minimum of Biology & Chemistry</i> | 2.0~ <i>Must include a Lab Science</i> |
| Social Studies American Government (0.5) US History (1.0) Elective (1.0) | 2.5 | 3.0 - 4.0* | 2.0 |
| Physical Education Physical Education (3.5) Health (0.5) | 4.0 | Varies* | N/A |
| Career & Technical Ed (CTE) | 1.0 | Varies* | N/A |
| Fine Arts | 0.5 | 1.0* | N/A |
| Consumer Education | 0.5 | Varies* | N/A |
| Foreign Language | 0.0 | 2.0* | N/A~ |
| Electives | 3.5 | Varies* | 4.0 <i>Additional courses, including: Comm Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, or Foreign Language</i> |

Initial Eligibility Standards





[DIVISION I: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS](#)
[click here](#)



[DIVISION II: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS](#)
[click here](#)



[DIVISION III: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS](#)
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[NAIA: INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY
ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS](#)
[click here](#)

Initial Eligibility Standards





Standardized Test Requirements

Do I need to submit a standardized test score to the NCAA?

- As of January 2023, standardized test scores are **not required** for **all** student-athletes who initially enroll full time on or after August 1, 2023. During the 2023 NCAA Convention, **Divisions I and II** adopted legislation to remove standardized test scores for these students.
- However, students should check with the NCAA school they plan to attend regarding whether standardized test scores are necessary for admission or scholarship requirements.

Standardized Test





Sports Participation

AMATEURISM

- ▶ In general, amateurism requirements do not allow:
 - ▶ Contracts with professional teams.
 - ▶ Salary for participating in athletics.
 - ▶ Prize money above actual and necessary expenses.
 - ▶ Play with professionals.
 - ▶ Tryouts, practice or competition with a professional team.
 - ▶ Benefits from an agent or prospective agent.
 - ▶ Agreement to be represented by an agent.
 - ▶ Delayed initial full-time collegiate enrollment to participate in organized sports competition.

Sports Participation



NIL Deal - Illinois

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) has rules governing Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) activities for student-athletes. These rules prohibit certain activities and behaviors, and outline how student-athletes can capitalize on their NIL.

What's prohibited

- Using IHSA logos, trademarks, or the name of a member school in connection with NIL activities
- Using facilities of a member school for NIL activities
- Engaging in NIL activities during school hours, travel to or from IHSA events, or during IHSA events
- Engaging in NIL activities related to gambling, alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, firearms, or other weapons

What's permitted

- Accepting medals or trophies for winning or placing in competition
- Receiving awards worth up to \$150 in fair market value for participating in interscholastic sports
- Receiving school letters of any value
- Being paid to referee, teach lessons, or coach in a little kid's league

Sports Participation



NIL Deal - Illinois

Other NIL rules

- Athletes must notify their school principal or athletic director within 72 hours of any NIL deal they agree to
- Athletes should work closely with their principal or official representative on NIL opportunities

Consequences

- Violating the amateur rule may result in ineligibility for the sport in which the violation occurred.

Sports Participation





Resources



[NCAA Webinar](#)

NCAA Webinar



RESOURCES

- <https://play.mynaia.org/>
- <https://www.naia.org/landing/index>
- eligibilitycenter.org
- [NCAA Initial-Eligibility Brochure](#)
- ncaa.org/playcollegesports
- [Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)

Resources





Additional Resources

NCcompass

- [**NCompass**](#)
Dist. 203 Postsecondary Planning Guide
- [**In-School College Visits**](#)
Instructions on how students can attend in-school college visits
(Returning to NNHS in Fall 2025)
- [**On-Campus College Visit Tips**](#)
Tips for students planning to visit college campuses
- [**Postsecondary Planning Night Presentations**](#)
Slides & handouts from tonight's presentations will be available tomorrow
(Feb. 27) at <https://www.naperville203.org/PSPNight>



Upcoming Opportunities

- **March 12: [Illinois Regional College Fair @ North Central College](#)**
A local college fair, featuring more than 200 colleges & universities from across the country.
- **April 5: [Illinois National College Fair @ Moraine Valley Community College](#)**
Another college fair opportunity, bringing in additional colleges & universities from across the country.
- **April 21: [Service Academy Day \(Peoria, IL\)](#)**
Learn more about the process for applying to the US Service Academies.



Next Sessions

Postsecondary Planning Night Schedule

| Room | Session 1 (6:00 - 6:35pm) | Session 2 (6:40 - 7:15pm) | Session 3 (7:20 - 7:55pm) |
|------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Large Cafe | Junior Timeline | Sophomore Timeline | College-Bound Student Athletes |
| Small Cafe | Postsecondary Resources | | Postsecondary Resources |
| Learning Commons | | What's Next? | What's Next? |
| Rm. 184 | | Soph./Junior Overview in Español | |

Before you leave for the evening, please complete our program's exit survey:



<https://www.naperville203.org/PSPNExit>

Junior Timeline: A general overview of Junior Year, including a timeline, student responsibilities, and how parents can support their Junior.

Sophomore Timeline: A general overview of Sophomore Year, including a timeline, student responsibilities, and how parents can support their Sophomore.

Postsecondary Resources: An overview of resources available to Dist. 203 students, and tips for planning for life after high school.

What's Next?: A discussion on the debate between a "best" college/university, and helping your student find their best fit.

College-Bound Student Athletes: An overview of the NCAA/NAIA eligibility process, and steps that students can take now to be prepared for recruitment.

Sophomore/Junior Spanish Overview: An overview of Sophomore & Junior year in Spanish, provided by our Spanish-speaking counselors.