



THE HIGH-SCHOOL RECRUITING TIMELINE

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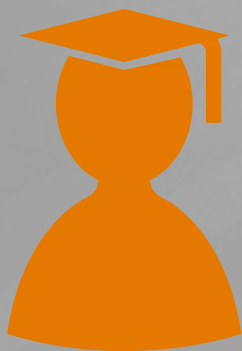
PLAN	HIGH-SCHOOL GRADE			
<i>Consider & prioritize the following steps:</i>	9th	10th	11th	12th
Prepare academics (ACT, SAT, GPA and TOEFL)	✓	✓	✓	✓
Attend college showcases and get evaluated	✓	✓	✓	✓
Create initial list of ideal schools for each division	✓	✓	✓	✓
Research over 50 colleges	✓	✓	✓	✓
Focus on programs who offer your major	✓	✓	✓	✓
Send introductory emails to college coaches	✓	✓	✓	✓
Send email updates and attach your schedule		✓	✓	✓
Take visits (unofficial)		✓	✓	✓
Don't be afraid to make phone calls			✓	✓
Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center			✓	
Create and send your highlights video(s) and resume			✓	✓
Start prioritizing your list of schools			✓	✓
Narrow the list of your schools			✓	✓
Take official visits (only 5 allowed)				✓
Make your final decision when prepared	<i>Commit when you are ready.</i>			

Elementary School (8th Grade)



- Review High School catalog course offerings and print the NCAA High School core course listing.
- When you search High School portal on NCAA.org pay attention to high school levels and tracks. Research what are the course level differences and in which track the student will be in.
- College Prep tracks or higher is usually preferred for college and NCAA purposes.
- Print NCAA Division I and II qualifier requirements and compare them to the college catalog course listings. Also, print your future high school's NCAA approved core course listings.
- Highlight all the courses that are NCAA approved so you know which will help you qualify.
- In order to be effective at this point parents and students should MAP OUT a 4 year course selection. This process will ensure that core courses requirements will be met accordingly, especially the 10 core courses completed by the end of the junior year for Division I.

Freshman (9th Grade)



- Start planning now!
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Take classes that match your high school's list of NCAA courses.
- The NCAA Eligibility Center will use only approved core courses to certify your initial eligibility.
- You can access and print your high school's list of NCAA courses at www.eligibilitycenter.org. Click the NCAA College-Bound Student-Athlete link to enter and then navigate to the "Resources" tab and select "U.S. Students" where you will find the link for the list of NCAA courses.
- If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.
- IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START AND NEVER TOO LATE TO FALL BEHIND.

Sophomore (**10th** Grade)



- Research colleges early to find out about their admission requirements.
- Choose your schools based on the location, size, offering majors or division so you can get closer in finding your right fit.
- Keep track of your core courses completed and calculate your current GPA.
- Ask your guidance counselor about future course offerings and how do academically so far.
- Take summer classes to improve your overall GPA, add or replace a course.
- Search for over 30 schools so you have an idea where to look as your senior year is getting closer.
- At the beginning of your sophomore year, complete your online registration at www.eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you do fall behind, do not take short cuts to recover the credits. Classes you take must be four-year college preparatory and meet NCAA requirements to be used for initial academic eligibility.

TIMELINE ELIGIBILITY STEPS...

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Juniors (11th Grade)

- Double check your junior year courses selection by comparing them with the NCAA. Add or repeat courses this year because at the end of the junior year the top 10 core courses are locked in. Make sure that 7 out of 10 core are in English, Math or Science (DI Rule Only).
- At the beginning of your junior year, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.ncaa.org. Complete the amateurism survey and take the PSAT if available.
- When taking the ACT or SAT use the NCAA Eligibility Center code “9999” as a score recipient. This will help send your official score directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- Ask your high school guidance counselor to send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center after completing your junior year.
- Get a copy and check transcript for titles, grades & credits accuracy.
- If you have attended more than one high school, the NCAA Eligibility Center will need official transcripts from all high schools attended. (The NCAA Eligibility Center does NOT accept faxed transcripts or test scores.)
- Talk to your coach and start contacting colleges that fit your interests and athletic abilities.
- Write letters to college coaches and send your resume and schedule.
- Before registering for classes for your senior year, check with your high school counselor to determine the amount of core courses that you need to complete your senior year.
- Obtain college applications from schools that interest you and review application process.

Seniors (**12th** Grade)

- Take or retake the ACT and/or SAT, if necessary and add core courses if needed.
- Update your GPA. The NCAA Eligibility Center will use the best scores from each section of the ACT or SAT to determine your best cumulative score.
- Continue to take college-prep courses at your high-school.
- Check the courses you have taken to match your school's list of NCAA courses.
- Review your amateurism responses and request final amateurism certification on or after April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees).
- Continue to work hard to get the best grades possible and try to graduate on time (in eight academic semesters).
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application For Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.org by early February. Prepare to send your parent(s) financial forms to the colleges' financial aid office (W2, tax forms).
- Log into your NCAA Eligibility Center account and sign off on your amateurism on April 1st.
- May 1st is the universal college confirmation date. You will need to pay a deposit to the college of your choice to save your spot. The earlier the confirmation the better housing options.
- After graduation, ask your high school guidance counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with proof of graduation or final certification.

WHAT TO DO NEXT...

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- **GET EVALUATED, SET REALISTIC GOALS AND BE PROACTIVE**
- **HAVE A PLAN & DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR THE RECRUITING PROCESS**
- **PLAY IN A VERY COMPETITIVE TEAM ENVIRONMENT**
- **ONLINE RESUME** (create a FREE online resume on WGP for easy access and sharing)
- **GRADES** (work hard on keeping your grades high and stay in touch with your counselor)
- **VIDEO** (it is crucial to have a professional video highlights to market yourself effectively)
- **REFERENCES** (ONLY from qualified and reliable coaches)
- **COVER LETTER** (express real interest and customize each letter)
- **SCHEDULE** (list all your next events and update your schedule monthly)
- **COMMITMENT** (you really have to put the work in and always try to improve)
- **DO EARLY RESEARCH AND BE FAMILIAR WITH THE NCAA RULES**
- **CONSTANTLY CHECK YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE STEPS**



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