



THE STUDENT ATHLETE

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National Collegiate Athlete Association
(NCAA)

As a prospective student-athlete at a Division I or II institution, you have certain responsibilities to attend to before you may participate. Information concerning who needs to register with the Clearinghouse and what documents should be submitted can be found in The Guide for College-Bound Student-Athletes at www.ncaa.org.

A student athlete must follow certain guidelines to be eligible to participate in a Division I or Division II college. It is important to understand the rules if you plan on participating in a college athletic program.

Pine Tree High School's Code
442 985

New NCAA Division I Requirements

1. 2008 graduates must have 16 core classes.
2. All SAT and ACT scores must be reported directly to the NCAA Clearinghouse by the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will no longer be used. When registering for the SAT or ACT, use the clearinghouse code of 9999.
3. You must be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse before you can take an “Official Visit” to a Division 1A university.

Requirements to be a “Qualifier”

- Graduate from High School.
- Complete the High School 16 Core Courses.
- Division I has a sliding scale for test score and grade-point average.
- SAT scores will combine the verbal and math sections.
ACT scores will be the sum of math, English, reading and science.
Core GPA will be determined on a 4.0 scale.

2008 High School Division I 16 Core Courses Rule

- 4 years of English
- 3 years math (courses at the level of Algebra 1 or above)
- 2 years of social science
- 2 years of natural/physical science (including 1 lab course)
- 1 year additional courses in English, math, or natural/physical science
- 4 years additional academic courses in any of the above areas or foreign language.

(Computer science courses may only be used for initial-eligibility purposes if the course receives graduation credit in mathematics or natural/physical science and is listed as such on the high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses.)

NCAA Division II Requirements

- 14 core courses are required in NCAA Division II.
- Division II has a minimum SAT score requirement of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- Test scores must be reported directly to NCAA Clearinghouse. Use code 9999 to make sure the score is reported.
- The Division II grade-point average requirement is a minimum 2.0.

2008 High School Division II 14 Core-Course Rule

- 3 years of English
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab)
- 2 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science
- 2 years of social science
- 3 years of additional courses from any area above or foreign language

NCAA Freshman – Eligibility Standards
can be viewed at www.ncaa.org.

KNOW THE RULES!

2007-2008 TESTING DATES

ACT Test Dates www.act.org	SAT Test Dates www.collegeboard.com
October 27, 2007	November 3, 2007
December 8, 2007	December 1, 2007
February 9, 2008	January 26, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 1, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 3, 2008
September 13, 2008	June 7, 2008
December 13, 2008	

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- NCAA Division I Sliding Scale
 - Core Grade-Point Average
 - Test Score

can be viewed online at www.ncaa.org

NCAA DIVISIONS

Section I-3

Pine Tree High School

The National Collegiate Athletic Association – NCAA – organizes athletic programs into three divisions. To view a detailed description of each division, go to www.ncaa.org and click on Academic Certification.

Division I member institutions must...

- Sponsor 7 men and 7 women sports.
- Meet Division I scheduling requirements.
- Meet specific attendance requirements.
- Division I schools must meet minimum financial aid awards for their athletic program and financial aid awards for each sport cannot exceed the maximum allowed.
- Schools that have football are classified as “Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I A) and NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I AA).

Division II member institutions must ...

- Sponsor 5 men and 5 women sports.
- Schools with football and basketball programs must schedule at least 50% of games against Division II; Division I A; or Division I AA teams.
- No attendance requirements are necessary for Division II schools.
- Financial aid awards must not exceed the maximum allowed.
- Teams feature local and out of state athletes.
- Many Division II student athletes pay for school through a combination of scholarship money, grants, student loans and employment earnings.
- Traditional rivalries with regional institutions dominate the schedule of many Division II athletic programs.

Division III member institutions must ...

- Sponsor 5 men and 5 women sports.
- Feature student athletes who receive no financial aid related to the athlete’s ability.
- Division III athletic departments place special importance on the impact of athletics on the participant rather on the spectators.
- Division III athletics encourages participation by maximizing the number and variety of athletic opportunities available to students placing emphasis on regional in-season and conference competition.