

Athletic Eligibility for College:

Students who think they might want to play college sports should consider the information below. Both the NAIA and the NCAA have certain criteria a student must meet to obtain initial eligibility. Ultimately, it is the student athlete's responsibility to make sure the guidelines are met for college eligibility, though the school counselor and/or principal will help to ensure the proper classes are taken with regard to the NCAA requirements. If there is any chance that your child may be interested in playing college sports, please read the information below carefully.

NAIA Eligibility: excerpted from the following website: <https://www.playnaia.org/page/eligibility.php>

The NAIA Eligibility Center will determine your eligibility based on your academic records and additional information you provide. Here's how it works:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

If you will graduate from high school this spring and enroll in college this coming fall, the requirements are simple. High school graduation, plus two out of the three of these requirements:

–Achieve a minimum overall high school GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

–Graduate in the top half of our high school class

–Achieve the NAIA's minimum test score requirement:

- **18 composite score on the ACT***
- **EXCEPTION: ACT tests taken March 1, 2016 through April 30, 2019 require a composite score of 16.*
- **970 on the SAT (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing & Math)****
- ***EXCEPTION: SAT tests taken March 1, 2016 through April 30, 2019 require a score of 860.*

NCAA Eligibility:

Determining initial eligibility for NCAA Division II participation is much more complicated than for NAIA purposes. To be fully eligible in the NCAA, the student athlete must take 16 Core courses (as identified in our school's approved Core Courses list in the link below), earn at least a 2.2 gpa on these courses, and achieve at least a 70 on the sum of the four ACT test parts.

The links below are helpful in illustrating these requirements.

[Core Courses in SFCHS](#) (When using this link, use the following school code: 172645)

[NCAA Division II Eligibility Fact Sheet](#)

[NCAA Division II Academic Counseling Recommendations](#)

NOTE: Eligibility requirements for NCAA Division I is slightly different from Division II. Please carefully peruse the link below to become aware of those differences:

[NCAA Division I Counseling Recommendations](#)