

NCAA Eligibility Process

Klein Oak High School

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Academic Requirements

- Graduate from high school
- Complete NCAA-approved courses
- Earn a minimum required core-course GPA
- Earn a required SAT or ACT sum score

Definition of a Core Course

- A course that qualifies for high school graduation in one or more of the following:
 - English, mathematics, natural or physical science, social science, foreign language or comparative religion or philosophy
- Is considered four-year college preparatory
- Is taught at or above the high school's regular academic level
- For mathematics courses, is at the level of Algebra I or higher
- Is taught by a qualified instructor

What are Nontraditional Courses?

- Courses taught through:
 - The internet
 - Distance learning
 - Independent study
 - Individualized instruction
 - Correspondence
 - Computer software programs

Things to consider BEFORE taking Nontraditional Courses

- Must include regular ongoing access between the instructor and student
- Must have a defined time period from completion (i.e., eight weeks)
- Should be clearly identified as nontraditional courses on the high school transcript

***Credit Recovery is not recommended for failed classes**

Core-Course Time Limitation

Division I

- From the time you enter ninth grade, you have four (4) years or eight (8) semesters to complete your core-course requirement. If you fail to complete high school “on time” in eight semesters, core courses taken after the eighth semester will NOT be counted toward your NCAA academic-eligibility requirements.
- “On time” also means that if your high school graduation takes place on June 1, you must graduate on June 1.

Core-Course Time Limitation

Division II

- You are permitted to use all core courses completed from your ninth grade year until the time you enroll full time at a college or university.

NCAA Division I Qualifier

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Requirements for Aid, Practice and Competition

- 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 4 years English
 - 3 years math at Algebra I level or higher (Math Models does not qualify)
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended)
 - 1 additional English, math or natural/physical science
 - 2 years social science (history)
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion
- **Minimum required GPA: 2.300 in those 16 core courses**

Additional Qualifications

- Must complete **10** core courses before the **seventh semester** of high school (e.g., senior year)
- Of the **10** core courses completed, **seven** must be in the area of **English, math or science.**
- These 10 core courses become “selected” for the purpose of GPA calculation.
 - **A repeat of any of the “selected” courses will not be used if taken after the seventh semester begins**

Division I Academic Redshirt

- Same course requirements for a full Division I qualifier
- Minimum required GPA: 2.000-2.299 in 16 core courses
- Minimum ACT sum or SAT score (critical reading/math only) that matches the 16 core-course GPA
- If students fail to meet the required 10 core courses **before** the start of their seventh semester (seven of which must be in English, math, or natural/physical science), they will be allowed to retake core courses in their seventh and eighth semester, which will be used in their academic certification for the purpose of meeting the academic redshirt requirements.

What if requirements are not met?

Nonqualifier

- Cannot receive athletics aid during the first year at an NCAA Division I college or university
- Cannot practice or compete during the first year at a Division I college or university

NCAA Division II Qualifier

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Qualifications – Class of 2017

- 16 core courses in the following areas:
 - 3 years English
 - 2 years math at Algebra I level or higher (Math Models does not qualify)
 - 2 years natural or physical science (one lab if offered at any high school attended)
 - 3 additional English, math or natural/physical science
 - 2 years social science (history)
 - 4 years additional from areas above or foreign language, philosophy or comparative religion
- **Earn a 2.000 GPA or higher in core courses**
- **Earn a combined SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68**

Qualifications – Class of 2018 and beyond

- Same 16 core courses as current Division II requirement
- **Earn a 2.200 GPA or higher in core courses**
- Earn a minimum SAT or ACT score that matches the 16 core-course GPA on the full qualifier sliding scale

Division III Qualifier

Requirements for Athletics Aid, Practice and Competition

Qualifications

- Unlike Divisions I and II, there is no uniform set of eligibility requirements for Division III schools
- Eligibility for admission, financial aid, practice and competition is determined by the college or university
- The NCAA Eligibility Center does not perform certifications for Division III college-bound student athletes

Transcript Evaluation Sheet

Example of sheet used for athletic eligibility evaluation

Klein Oak High School Transcript Evaluation

NAME: _____ SPORT: _____

Eligibility Center No.: _____ High School: Klein Oak



Evaluator: _____

Evaluation Date: _____

CORE GPA - CORE UNITS

Core GPA based on 16 core units: **0.000** ←
 Minimum SAT score with current GPA #N/A
 Minimum ACT Sum with current GPA #N/A

Units completed toward 16 required: 16.0

ELIGIBILITY NOTES

TEST SCORES

ACT sub scores & test date Date Taken:

- English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Science Reasoning

→ **0** - ACT total
 #N/A - Minimum GPA with ACT score

SAT scores & test date Date Taken:

- Critical Reading
 - Math

→ **0** - SAT total
 #N/A - Minimum GPA with SAT score

CORE COURSES NOT USED

Course	Grade	Units

ENGLISH 4 UNITS REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	English I (A)		0.50	0
2	English I (B)		0.50	0
3	English II (A)		0.50	0
4	English II (B)		0.50	0
5	English III (A)		0.50	0
6	English III (B)		0.50	0
7	English IV (A)		0.50	0
8	English IV (B)		0.50	0
			4.0	0

SOCIAL SCIENCE 2 UNITS REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	World Geography (A)		0.50	0
2	World Geography (B)		0.50	0
3	World History (A)		0.50	0
4	World History (B)		0.50	0
			2.0	0

MATH 3 UNITS REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	Algebra I (A)		0.50	0
2	Algebra I (B)		0.50	0
3	Geometry (A)		0.50	0
4	Geometry (B)		0.50	0
5	Algebra II (A)		0.50	0
6	Algebra II (B)		0.50	0
			3.0	0

NATURAL SCIENCE 2 UNITS REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	Biology (A)		0.50	0
2	Biology (B)		0.50	0
3	Chemistry (A)		0.50	0
4	Chemistry (B)		0.50	0
			2.0	0

Additional English-Math-Natural Science 1 UNIT REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	Physics (A)		0.50	0
2	Physics (B)		0.50	0
			1.0	0

ADDITIONAL CORE 4 UNITS REQUIRED				
	Grade	Gr. Pts.	Core Units	Quality Points
1	US History (A)		0.50	0
2	US History (B)		0.50	0
3	Spanish I (A)		0.50	0
4	Spanish I (B)		0.50	0
5	Spanish II (A)		0.50	0
6	Spanish II (B)		0.50	0
7	Government		0.50	0
8	Economics		0.50	0
			4.0	0

ACT and SAT

What to know before taking the tests

Taking the ACT and/or SAT

- Be sure to enter the **9999** code when registering for the test
- This code will allow your score to be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center
*Registration instructions are listed in a later slide
- The best test scores will be used to certify a student

	Math	Verbal	Total
SAT (10/14)	350	<i>470</i>	820
SAT (12/14)	<i>420</i>	440	860
Scores Used	420	470	890

Grade Level Checklist

Grade 9: Plan

- ✓ Students should start planning now by working hard to earn the best grades possible.
- ✓ Students should discuss with their counselor their class options and if they qualify under NCAA-approved core courses
- ✓ Our school list of NCAA courses can be found at eligibilitycenter.org
- ✓ Our course list is updated yearly for new course offerings

Grade 10: Register

- ✓ Students should register at eligibilitycenter.org
- ✓ If students fall behind on courses, they should not take shortcuts to catch up. Get with your student's counselor to help them find approved courses or programs that they can take.
- ✓ Preferred methods of credit recovery:
 - Retaking the class during the next school year
 - Retaking the class during the KISD Summer School session in July

Grade 11: Study

- ✓ If you have not already done so, register at eligibilitycenter.org
- ✓ Students should check with their counselor to make sure they are on track to graduate on time
- ✓ Students should register to take the ACT, SAT or both. Use the NCAA Eligibility Center code **9999** as a score recipient
- ✓ At the end of the year, have your transcript sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
 - The cost is \$2.00 and it must be requested through the Registrars' office

Grade 12: Graduation

- ✓ Student should take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and make sure to send their scores by using code **9999**.
- ✓ Apply for admission to the college/university you are attending in the fall.
- ✓ Students should request their final amateurism certification after April 1.
 - This will be located on the Eligibility Center website under your To Do list.
- ✓ Make sure to request your final transcript be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center, as well as the college/university that you plan on attending in the fall.

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