

The Importance of Your Senior Year

Interesting Facts:

- “Taking it easy” your senior year may seem like a nice break but is likely to do more harm than good. According to recent reports, incomplete high school preparation can contribute to academic problems in college.
 - As many as half of all college students do not have adequate academic preparation and are required to take remedial courses which the student must pay for, but will receive no credit.
 - More than one quarter of the freshmen at 4-year colleges and nearly half of those at 2-year colleges do not even make it to their sophomore year.
 - Not only does taking the easy way out your senior year jeopardize your chances for success later in college, it may also affect your grades -- and college admission officers pay close attention to your performance during your senior year.
 - The senior year -- the entire senior year -- is actually of particular interest to colleges.
 - Many college applications require you to list your senior courses, including information about course levels and credit hours. It will be very obvious to the admission officers if you've decided to "take the year off."
 - Many college acceptance letters include warnings to students such as "Your admission is contingent on your continued successful performance." This means colleges reserve the right to deny you admission should your senior year grades drop.
 - Changing or dropping some of the more rigorous courses listed on the original application can result in a college withdrawing their offer for admission.
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Information and Resources for College-Bound Student-Athletes and Parents

Hot Topics:

- Test score rule: Test scores must be reported to the eligibility center directly from ACT or SAT.
- High school core-course list: Is yours up to date? Verify the classes you are taking and/or scheduled to take appear on your high school's approved core-course list.
- Amateurism questionnaire and final authorization signature: Remember to log back in to your account and finalize your amateurism questionnaire before you enroll in college. If you beginning school in the fall semester (August), you will need to complete the amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature on or after April 1 prior to enrollment. If you are beginning school in the spring semester (January), you will need to complete the amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.

What Do I Need To Do?

Grade 11

- Register with the eligibility center. https://web1.ncaa.org/eligibilitycenter/student/index_student.html
- Make sure you are still on course to meet core-course requirements (verify you have the correct number of core courses.
 - 4 years of English
 - 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher)
 - 2 years of natural/physical science (one must be a lab science)
 - 1 year of additional English, math or science
 - 2 years of social studies
 - 4 years of additional core courses (from any area listed above or from foreign language)
- After your junior year, send a copy of your transcript. If you have attended any other high schools, make sure a transcript is sent to the eligibility center from each high school.
- When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
- Begin your amateurism questionnaire.

Grade 12

- When taking the ACT or SAT, request test scores to be sent to the eligibility center (the code is "9999").
- Complete amateurism questionnaire and sign the final authorization signature online on or after April 1 if you are expecting to enroll in college in the fall semester. (If you are expecting to enroll for spring semester, sign the final authorization signature on or after October 1 of the year prior to enrollment.)
- Send a final transcript with proof of graduation to the eligibility center.