In an effort to provide clarity to students and parents making decisions regarding the 2020-21 academic year, the NCAA Eligibility Center is providing additional guidance for distance, e-learning or hybrid options made available by schools with NCAA-approved core courses.

Distance, E-learning and Hybrid Options

Q1: How will the Eligibility Center approach schools with NCAA-approved core courses that offer distance, e-learning or hybrid options for students in the 2020-21 academic year due to COVID-19?

A1: Consistent with the approach to reviews in Spring/Summer 2020, the Eligibility Center will not require a separate review of distance, e-learning or hybrid programs offered by schools with NCAA-approved core courses in response to COVID-19 for the 2020-21 academic year. Students may complete their NCAA-approved core courses through the channels of instruction provided or recommended by their school, district or state department of education.

For parents administering home school curriculum, please review the information included in the Eligibility Center home school resources, located here.

Note: This policy will apply to students from all grade levels (e.g., freshmen, sophomores) who complete distance, e-learning or hybrid courses offered by schools with NCAA-approved core courses in the 2020-21 academic year.

These changes may not capture all unique scenarios; however, NCAA Customer Service is available to assist with questions Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern time at 877-262-1492 (domestic students and Canadian students outside of Quebec) and for international students including Quebec at ncaa.org/contactinternational. The Eligibility Center will continue to monitor the environment and make determinations on extension of other COVID-19 relief policies as more information becomes available.