

Home School Information Sheet

What is “Home School”?

Generally, if a parent or tutor created the curriculum, provides instruction, assesses the coursework and awards grades and credit, the student is considered to be a home-schooled student-athlete.

Learning at home does not necessarily equate to being home schooled. Because of the tremendous growth of online and virtual education, a student may be able to learn at home through an online school with online teachers, which would not be considered parent-directed home school.

To help determine whether or not a prospective college-bound student-athlete would be considered home schooled, please review the following questions. This will help you determine whether the student’s schooling would be considered “home school” or “nontraditional.” Remember, the NCAA definition for nontraditional courses includes courses taken online through a program that provides teachers, assessments and grading.

Who created or developed the curriculum for the courses?	Probable Category
An outside school or program	Nontraditional Course
The home school parent, tutor or umbrella program	Home Schooling

Who provides the instruction in the courses?	Probable Category
An outside teacher, such as a teacher through the online school	Nontraditional Course
A parent or tutor in the home	Home Schooling

Who designed or created the assignments and assessments?	Probable Category
An outside school or program	Nontraditional Course
The parent, tutor or umbrella program	Home Schooling

Who evaluates or grades the assignments and assessments?	Probable Category
An outside school or program (either computer graded or graded by the online teacher)	Nontraditional Course
A parent or tutor	Home Schooling

Who determines what score or grade is achieved in the course(s)?	Probable Category
An outside school or program	Nontraditional Course
A parent or tutor	Home Schooling

Who is responsible for producing a student transcript or grade report?	Probable Category
An outside school or program	Nontraditional Course
A parent, tutor, home school umbrella program or the Home School Legal Defense	Home Schooling



Nontraditional Course Evaluation

If the answers to the previous questions suggest the courses were completed through nontraditional means (such as online or virtual school), the coursework completed would be evaluated under the NCAA nontraditional course legislation. To determine if the courses taken through the nontraditional program may be used, please review the information below.

- Nontraditional programs must be reviewed, cleared and have an approved list of core-courses for coursework to be considered.
- [Learn more about Nontraditional Courses](#)
- [Check the status of a Nontraditional Program](#)

DEFINITION
<i>Nontraditional courses</i>
Courses taught online or through distance learning, independent study, individualized instruction or correspondence methods.

Home School Program Using Nontraditional Curriculum

Home school administrators may also purchase/implement nontraditional curriculum in the home school program. If a nontraditional component exists in the home school programming, the coursework may be subject to additional information for review. The NCAA Eligibility Center may request the following:

- The nature of assessments in the home school program (types of assessments, frequency of assessments, etc.).
- How the student's work was graded and by whom.
- If a student may be exempted from or test out of certain portions (modules, units, etc.) of a course; if yes, an explanation may be required.
- If the student was required to interact with the instructor for the purposes of teaching, evaluating and providing assistance throughout the duration of the course.
- If students were required to interact with instructors in real time during the course. If so, a description of the frequency and the nature of those real-time interactions may be required.
- A description of the frequency and nature of the teacher initiated interaction that took place with students throughout the course.

DEFINITION
<i>Home school administrator</i>
Parent or other individual who organized, taught and evaluated the course work.



Home School Course Evaluation

The only courses that would need to be evaluated as home schooling are those in which the parent or tutor is the one is responsible for all of the following:

- Planning and delivering actual instructional activities (lectures, discussions, tutorials, feedback, assistance, etc.).
- Determining the student's comprehension of the material by grading and evaluating student performance and achievement on assignments and assessments and providing appropriate re-teaching (if necessary) and feedback.
- Determining the overall grade the student achieved in the course.
- Either placing the grade on a transcript/grade report or reporting the grade to a transcription agency or entity.

No matter how many home school courses a prospective college-bound student-athlete completes, all of the following home school documentation is required:

- Home school transcript.
- Administrator and Accordance Statement.
- Core-course worksheets.

Keep in mind!

Multiple core courses cannot be submitted on the same core-course worksheet. **A separate core-course worksheet is required for each individual course.**

Home School Course Evaluation



If the initial home school documentation is not uploaded, please ensure the [Home School Email Cover Sheet](#) is also submitted. This allows for more efficient processing, as the cover sheet indicates exactly what is being submitted by the home school administrator.

- [Click here](#) to view the Home School Cover Sheet.



Traditional/Nontraditional Component

Any traditional/nontraditional coursework completed in addition to the home school program would be treated no differently than it would be in any other circumstance.

- The prospective college-bound student-athlete should include the program in his/her education profile.
- The program will need to be “cleared,” with an approved Core-Course List for coursework, to be considered.
- An official transcript or grade report will be required; grade and credit must be included.