This chart presents a general overview to help you, students and their families better understand the components of the initial-eligibility process.

An NCAA school recruits students by placing them on its institutional request list, which begins a request for certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

### NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER

If the Eligibility Center has not reviewed the student’s high school, courses or programs, the school provides information.

- **Eligibility Center** reviews the information.

### DECISION

Eligibility Center approves or doesn’t approve the high school, courses or programs.*

- **APPROVED**
  - NCAA can use high school’s approved courses or programs.
  - Review of student’s academic credentials.

- **NOT APPROVED**
  - NCAA cannot use courses or programs that are not approved.
  - Review of student’s amateurism credentials.

### DECISION

Eligibility Center certifies a student’s academic eligibility with one of the following statuses:

- **DI AND DII QUALIFIER**
  - Student may practice, compete and receive athletics aid in first year.

- **DI ACADEMIC REDSHIRT**
  - Student may practice (in the first academic term) and receive athletics aid in first year.

- **DII PARTIAL QUALIFIER**
  - Student may practice and receive athletics aid in first year.

- **DI NONQUALIFIER**
  - Student may not practice, compete or receive athletics aid in first year.

### DECISION

Eligibility Center certifies a student’s initial amateurism eligibility with one of the following statuses:

- **CERTIFIED AS AMATEUR**
  - Student may compete in NCAA sports.

- **AMATEURISM NOT CERTIFIED**
  - Student may not be eligible to compete in NCAA sports.

*Some accounts may be placed on Extended Evaluation.

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GRADE 9
- Before ninth grade, student registers for a free Profile Page account at eligibilitycenter.org.
- Student reviews their high school’s list of NCAA-approved core courses at eligibilitycenter.org/courselist.

GRADE 10
- Student transitions Profile Page account to the best Certification account.
- At the end of the year, high school uploads student’s official transcript to their Eligibility Center account.

GRADE 11
- Student checks with high school counselor to ensure student will complete the required NCAA-approved core courses and graduate on time.
- At the end of the year, high school uploads student’s official transcript to their Eligibility Center account.

GRADE 12
- Beginning April 1, student requests final amateurism certification in their Eligibility Center account.
- Student completes final NCAA-approved core courses.
- After graduation, high school uploads student’s final official transcript with proof of graduation to their Eligibility Center account.