This chart presents a general overview to help you, students and parents to better understand the components of the initial-eligibility process. Please see detailed information throughout the rest of the guide to supplement this overview.

**NCAA institution recruits students by placing him/her on their institutional request list, which begins a request for certification from the NCAA Eligibility Center.**

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**NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER**

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

- The NCAA Eligibility Center reviews the information.

**DECISION**

NCAA Eligibility Center approves or denies 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**

NCAA Eligibility Center certifies a student's eligibility with one of the following statuses.

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

- **DI PARTIAL QUALIFIER**
  - Student may practice or receive athletics aid, or both, in first year.

- **DI ACADEMIC REDSHIRT**
  - Student may practice or receive athletics aid, or both, in first year.

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

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

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

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*Some programs may be placed on extended evaluation.*

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**GRADE 9**

- Student asks counselor for a list of high school's core courses to ensure he or she takes the right classes.

**GRADE 10**

- Student registers with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.

- At the end of the year, counselor provides student's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**GRADE 11**

- Students checks with counselor to make sure he or she will graduate on time with all required NCAA core courses.

- Student takes the ACT or SAT, submitting his or her scores to the NCAA using code 9999.

- At the end of the year, counselor provides student's official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center.

**GRADE 12**

- Student finishes last NCAA core courses.

- Student takes the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, submitting his or her scores to the NCAA using code 9999.

- After April 1, student requests final amateurism certification decision from the NCAA Eligibility Center.

- After graduation, counselor provides student's final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.