What does my high school timeline look like?

To help navigate the NCAA eligibility process, use this year-by-year breakdown to keep in mind what you should be thinking about in high school to get ready to play college sports.

Grade 9: Plan
- Take the right courses and earn the best grades you can.
- Ask your counselor for a list of your high school’s NCAA approved core courses to make sure you take the right classes.
- Find your high school’s list of NCAA core courses online.

Grade 10: Register
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at eligibilitycenter.org.
- If you fall behind, ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses or programs you can take.

Grade 11: Study
- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate on time and complete the required number of NCAA approved courses.
- Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA by using code 9999.
- Research what schools you want to apply for that are the best fit for your academic and athletic goals.
- At the end of the year, ask your counselor to upload your official six-semester transcript.

Grade 12: Graduate
- Complete your final NCAA core courses as you prepare for graduation
- Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and make sure we get your scores by using code 9999.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or October 1 (winter/spring enrollees).
- After you graduate, ask your counselor to upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation.
- Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school’s certification request list will receive a certification.