



# Student-Athlete Eligibility Guidelines



## **IHSA ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES** *(must be met by all participants in athletics & competitive clubs)*

- Eligibility is checked weekly.
- Students with near failing or failing grades are listed by course.
- Students passing fewer than four academic subjects (does not include physical education or driver education) are listed as ineligible for the following week.
- Students are ineligible to play until they are passing four or more academic subjects.
- All students must pass a minimum of four academic subjects at semester to be eligible to compete during the next grading period.
- “Near failing” students may participate in the sport or competitive activity as long as they are passing the requisite number of courses. (four or more subjects)
- More information is available at [www.ihsa.org/org/policy/2009-10/section3.pdf](http://www.ihsa.org/org/policy/2009-10/section3.pdf).

## **DISTRICT 211 ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

- Eligibility for competition is assessed at the end of the first and third quarters and the first and second semesters. A student must achieve a 2.0 grade point average for the grading period, with no failing grades at the semester, to compete in the subsequent quarter.
- Students who do not meet the 2.0 grade point average or who are failing a course at the end of the grading period will be placed on probation for the next grading period and must adhere to academic interventions to continue to compete in extracurricular programs.
- Failing a class for the semester or a GPA below a 2.0 for two consecutive grading periods will result in the student becoming ineligible for the subsequent grading period.
- Freshman students who meet the IHSA standard, but who fail to meet the District eligibility standards will be placed on academic probation and must adhere to academic interventions.
- More information is available at [www.d211.org/pdf/calendars](http://www.d211.org/pdf/calendars) (on page 12 for each school).

## **NCAA GUIDELINES FOR INITIAL ELIGIBILITY**

Students interested in participating in college athletics at the NCAA Division I or II level, must meet the NCAA freshman eligibility standards. Initial eligibility is determined by NCAA from three factors: core course completion, test scores, and grade-point average. NCAA Division I requires 16 core courses; Division II requires 14 core courses (Beginning with the Class of 2013, Division II students also must complete 16 core courses). Detailed information regarding freshmen eligibility criteria is available on the NCAA Eligibility Center website.

The primary responsibility of a high school in relationship to a freshman athlete’s certification is to ensure that the school’s list of approved core courses is accurate and up to date. Only courses in the areas of English, mathematics, science, social studies and world language can be considered for core course approval. Approved Core Courses for all District 211 high schools are listed on the NCAA Eligibility Center website at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) and in the District 211 Curriculum Guide.

Student athletes interested in pursuing athletic opportunities in college should discuss their interest with parents, coaches, and counselors. Prospective student-athletes must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and meet academic eligibility standards as determined by NCAA. Registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center must be completed by the student and parent; the school may not complete the registration process on behalf of the student. Complete details are available at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org) or [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).