

# NCAA Athletes

## Santa Cruz High Student Athletes

Many student athletes dream of competing at the collegiate level and we are proud to say we have had many Cardinals turn their dream into a reality! More and more students are hoping to achieve their goal of earning an athletic scholarship and furthering their athletic career beyond high school. What most students must remember is that colleges recruit student athletes, not just athletes. So it is essential students maintain good grades and take appropriate classes to make sure they are meeting the requirements of both individual colleges and the NCAA.

## Stay On Top Of Your Game

In addition to making sure you are meeting the core course requirements, you must also stay on top of your registration with the NCAA Eligibility Center. We need to send your transcript to the NCAA on two occasions: at the end of your junior year/ beginning of senior year and after graduation. Please remember to have this completed in a timely manner.

## NCAA Information

The new NCAA Eligibility Center is an improved site to help you plan for success as a student-athlete. This is where you will need to register as an eligible student-athlete if you hope to move on as a recruited prospect for college.

The Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete is available for download. The publication will answer every question you have regarding the process of becoming an NCAA athlete. Fabulous information regarding the recruiting process as well, please make sure to check it out.

Make sure the courses you plan to take are approved by the NCAA. You will need our school code for access: 053297.

### Grade 10

- Student takes academic college-preparatory courses, preferably one in each of the following areas: english, math, science, social studies and foreign language. The student should compare course selection against the list of NCAA-approved core courses. The NCAA Eligibility Center will only use approved courses to certify a student's initial eligibility.
- Access and print their high schools list of NCAA Courses at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) by clicking "Resources" at the top of the screen.
- Work hard to get the best grades possible.
- Register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) and complete both academic information and the amateurism questionnaire.
- If you fall behind, use summer school sessions before graduation to catch up.
- Inform your athletic coach of your goal to participate in intercollegiate sports.

### Grade 11

- Student continues to take college preparatory courses in the areas listed above.
- Student registers for the SAT and/or ACT, making sure to use code 9999 at the time of registration. Using code 9999 will ensure the score is reported directly to the Eligibility Center.
- If not already registered, do so with the NCAA Eligibility Center and complete both the academic information and the amateurism questionnaire.
- At the end of the student's six semester, go to your NCAA account online at [www.ncaa.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaa.eligibilitycenter.org). Login and go to "My Planner," then "My Task List." Click on the hyperlink to order a transcript. After you place your order with Parchment, the counseling office at SCHS will receive your request and send your transcript electronically to the NCAA.
- Inform your athletic coach of your goal to participate in intercollegiate sports.

### Grade 12

- Visit the "My Planner" page online after they register to view their status and check for any missing information or documents.
- Student continues to take college preparatory courses in English, math, science, social studies and world language.
- Student registers for additional ACT/SAT tests if necessary, making sure to use code 9999 at the time of registration.
- Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (for fall enrollees) or October 1 (for spring enrollees) in your NCAA Eligibility Center.

After graduation, request your final transcript by going to your account at the NCAA Eligibility Center, [www.ncaa.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.ncaa.eligibilitycenter.org). Login and go to "My Planner," then "My Task List." Click on the hyperlink to order final transcript. After you place your order with Parchment, the counseling office at SCHS will receive your request and send your transcript electronically to the NCAA.