

Division I (D-I) is the highest level of intercollegiate athletics sanctioned by the **National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)** in the United States.

State	School & Nickname	Conference	Website
South Carolina	Clemson (Tigers)	ACC	ClemsonTigers.com
	South Carolina (Gamecocks)	SEC	(Athletics via sc.edu)
	Coastal Carolina (Chanticleers)	Sun Belt	CoastalCarolinaSports.com
	College of Charleston (Cougars)	CAA	CoastalCharleston.com or cofcsports.com
	Charleston Southern (Buccaneers)	Big South	CSUsports.com
	Presbyterian (Blue Hose)	Big South	PCBlueHose.com
	Winthrop (Eagles)	Big South	WinthropEagles.com
	USC Upstate (Spartans)	Big South	UpstateSpartans.com
North Carolina	UNC Chapel Hill (Tar Heels)	ACC	GoHeels.com
	NC State (Wolfpack)	ACC	GoPack.com
	Duke (Blue Devils)	ACC	GoDuke.com
	Wake Forest (Demon Deacons)	ACC	WakeForestSports.com
	ECU (Pirates)	AAC	ECUPirates.com
	UNC Charlotte (49ers)	AAC	Charlotte49ers.com
	UNC Greensboro (Spartans)	SoCon	UNCGSPARTANS.com
	UNC Wilmington (Seahawks)	CAA	UNCWsports.com

	Appalachian State (Mountaineers)	Sun Belt	AppStateSports.com
	Campbell (Fighting Camels)	CAA (football FCS)	GoCamels.com
	Davidson (Wildcats)	A-10	DavidsonWildcats.com
	Elon (Phoenix)	CAA	ElonPhoenix.com
	Gardner-Webb (Runnin' Bulldogs)	Big South	GWUSports.com
	High Point (Panthers)	Big South	HPUPanthers.com
	NC A&T (Aggies)	CAA	NCAthletics.com
	NC Central (Eagles)	MEAC (football FCS)	NCCUEagles.com
Georgia	UGA (Bulldogs)	SEC	GeorgiaDogs.com
	Georgia Tech (Yellow Jackets)	ACC	RamSports.com
	Georgia Southern (Eagles)	Sun Belt	GSEagles.com
	Georgia State (Panthers)	Sun Belt	GeorgiaStateSports.com
	Kennesaw State (Owls)	ASUN (football FCS)	KSUAthletics.com
	Mercer (Bears)	SoCon (football FCS)	MercerBears.com
	Savannah State (Tigers)	MEAC (football FCS)	SavannahStateTigers.com

To play for a **Division I (D1) school**, student-athletes must meet specific academic and athletic eligibility requirements set by the **NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)**. Here's a breakdown of the key requirements:

1. Academic Requirements (High School)

Core Course Requirements:

You must complete **16 NCAA-approved core courses**:

- **4 years** of English
 - **3 years** of Math (Algebra I or higher)
 - **2 years** of Natural/Physical Science (one must be a lab)
 - **1 year** of additional English, Math, or Science
 - **2 years** of Social Science
 - **4 years** of additional courses (from above areas or foreign language, religion, or philosophy)
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GPA Requirements:

- You need at least a **2.3 GPA** in your core courses.
 - NCAA uses a **sliding scale** that balances **GPA and SAT/ACT scores**.
(Higher GPA can offset a lower test score, and vice versa.)
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Standardized Test Requirements (Optional for Some Schools):

- SAT or ACT may still be required by **individual colleges**, even if the NCAA doesn't mandate them.

- For NCAA eligibility, the sliding scale determines minimum SAT/ACT score needed.
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NCAA Eligibility Center:

You **must register** with the **NCAA Eligibility Center** (eligibilitycenter.org) and submit:

- Transcripts
 - SAT/ACT scores (if required)
 - Amateurism certification
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2. Athletic Requirements

- You must be **recruited** or **invited to join** a D1 program by a coach.
 - Your athletic performance (stats, rankings, video highlights) must show you can **compete at a national level**.
 - Many athletes play for:
 - **High school teams**
 - **Club or travel teams**
 - **Showcase tournaments** for exposure
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3. Timeline Tips

Grade	What to Do
9th	Start tracking core courses and grades
10th	Create account with NCAA Eligibility Center

11th Take SAT/ACT if needed, send scores to NCAA

12th Final transcripts, complete amateurism
certificate

What Can Disqualify You?

- Low core GPA
 - Fewer than 16 core courses
 - Missing amateurism certification
 - Violating recruiting rules (improper contact, etc.)
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Note:

Meeting NCAA eligibility **doesn't guarantee** you'll play. Each school and coach makes the final decision based on:

- Team needs
 - Your performance
 - Academic standing at that college
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