

# Understanding the NCAA Eligibility Center

- A Guide for High School Athletes & Parents



# What is the NCAA Eligibility Center?

- Formerly known as the NCAA Clearinghouse
- Determines academic and amateurism eligibility
- Required for Division I & II college sports



# Why It Matters

- - Required for scholarships and participation
- - Helps with recruiting and compliance
- - Avoids eligibility issues later



# When to Register

- Ideally at the end of sophomore year
- No later than beginning of senior year
- Must be done before official college visits or offers



# How to Register

- Visit: [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)
- Create a Certification Account (DI/DII) or Profile Page (DIII or unsure)
- Pay the fee (fee waivers available)





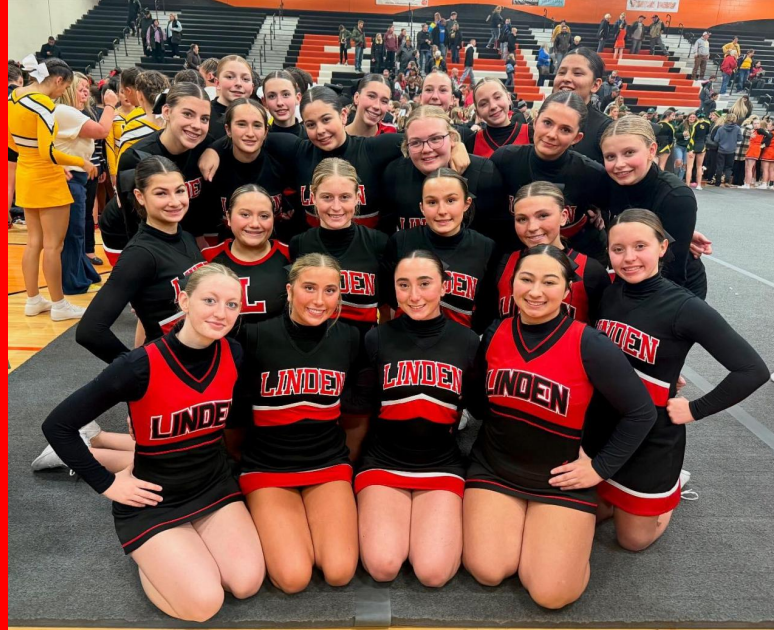
# Academic Requirements (Division I)

- 16 core courses required (*4 cores x 4 years=16*)
- Minimum GPA in core courses: 2.3
- Sliding scale: GPA vs. SAT/ACT scores



# Academic Requirements (Division II)

- 16 core courses required (*4 cores x 4 years=16*)
- Minimum GPA: 2.2
- SAT/ACT requirements based on GPA



# Amateurism Requirements

- No professional contracts
- No pay to play
- Must maintain amateur status





# Role of the High School Counselor

- Submits transcripts and proof of graduation
- Can help track core course progress
- Assists with fee waivers



# Common Mistakes to Avoid

- Missing core courses
- Not submitting test scores directly from testing agency
- Delaying registration



# Resources & Help

- - [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)
- - NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete (PDF)
- - School counselor & coaches

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# Set Up for Success

- Start early
- Stay organized
- Communicate with your school and coaches

