

## THE STUDENT ATHLETE AND THE NCAA CLEARINGHOUSE

Juniors interested in participating in Division I or Division II sports in college must submit six-semester transcripts to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, followed by final high school transcripts in June of the senior year. A *Student Release Form* can be printed out at: [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net). Give this form to the NHS Registrar, along with a stamped envelope addressed to the NCAA. If the student attended any high school other than Northgate, provide a copy of the *Student Release Form* to that high school as well. Original, official transcripts from each high school must be submitted to the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Current juniors, and subsequent classes, will need to complete 16 full-year academic courses in high school, including three years of math (Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II) in order to participate in a Division I program. Fourteen academic courses, and at least two years of math (Algebra I and Geometry) are required for Division II. Most English, Social Studies, Science, and Foreign Language classes offered at Northgate are approved by the NCAA, but visual and performing arts classes are not acceptable, nor are non-college prep classes like TA or Auto Shop. Ironically, Sports Medicine is not approved. Make sure your student-athlete will be enrolled in the requisite number of core classes.

Division II requires a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the core, academic courses, and an SAT total of 1010 (Reading and Math only). The ACT minimum is 86 (the sum of all sub-scores). Division I uses a sliding scale, which is spelled out in the *Guide for the College-Bound Student Athlete* available at: [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org). The 2.0 student will need the same minimum SAT or ACT as the Division II athlete, but a student with a 2.5 GPA will need an SAT total of 820 (Reading and Math only), for example. Request that official scores reports be sent to the NCAA (ACT and SAT code number 9999).

The NCAA rules governing transferring from a community college to a Division I program are even more stringent and complicated. DVC employs a full-time Athletic Counselor, Jamie Bailey, who is happy to meet with high school athletes who are not on-track to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements as seniors in high school. Please contact me if you would like Jamie's e-mail address.

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