

High School Student-Athletes Must Meet Academic and Non-Academic Graduation Requirements

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In accordance with NCAA legislation, high school student-athletes who want to participate in intercollegiate athletics at a Division I institution must complete their graduation requirements and core-curriculum requirements within four years after initial enrollment in the ninth grade. However, at the time the legislation became effective in August of 2007, there were questions as to whether this legislation was applicable only to NCAA core-curriculum requirements and academic graduation requirements.

During its September 18, 2007 meeting, the NCAA Division I Legislative Review and Interpretations Committee confirmed that high school student-athletes who seek to participate in Division I intercollegiate athletics must meet all academic and nonacademic requirements for high school graduation set forth by their respective school districts in accordance with the legislation.

Therefore, in addition to the core-curriculum requirements of 16 core-courses, the academic graduation requirements (i.e. state exit exams), the non-academic requirements (i.e. community service projects) must be completed by the high school graduation date of student-athletes' respective classes. (*Source: 9/18/07 Official Interpretation (High School Graduation Includes Academic and Nonacademic Requirements (I) and NCAA Bylaw 14.3.1.2.1.*)



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