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“Winning the Game - in the 9th”

The Minnesota Twins RBI program and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Public Schools have partnered to improve awareness about GPAs (Grade Point Averages) and future goals for students who are entering the 9th Grade.

Congratulations as you transition to the 9th grade! This can be a very challenging time in your education. We want you to know that there’s support for all students at every Minneapolis Public School to provide assistance for you to succeed in your educational pursuits.

One of the most important items that we are highlighting in this initiative is your GPA (Grade Point Average) and that it begins in 9th grade, the minute that you walk into your first classes. Maintaining and working toward the best GPA possible is important as you pursue high school athletics, graduation, post high school education and becoming a Division I or II student athlete.

We’ve put together this tool to provide more awareness of how important GPA is regarding your participation in high school sports.

1. In order to participate in high school sports, a student must maintain a 2.0 GPA (minimum) and be credit eligible (on track for graduation). For additional details see your high school athletic director.
2. In order to pursue a post high school education at a college or university, you must graduate from high school and there are required core classes that each student must complete. Your GPA and other required test results are important to your acceptance at colleges and universities.
3. In order to pursue an athletic career at a Division I or Division II college or university, the student must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center and complete 10 CORE classes, seven of which must be completed prior to entering the 12th grade and the student must maintain a minimum of a 2.3 GPA in the required CORE classes and graduate from high school.

Fun Facts:

The Minneapolis Public Schools offer 35 different athletic programs for their students!

In the 2015-16, Minneapolis Public Schools had 5,965 participation units in their athletic program!

In the 2015-16, Minneapolis Public School graduated 98.95% of its’ senior student/athletes. The mean Grade Point Average for these senior student athletes was 3.15!



Minneapolis Public Schools Graduation Requirements:

Students in the graduating class of 2019 and beyond will now have more flexibility to choose courses that interest them and match their postsecondary plans. We are creating more opportunity for students to express themselves as individuals.

- 4 year-long credits in language arts
- 3.5 year-long credits in social studies, including:
 - U.S. history or geography
 - World history
 - Government and citizenship
 - Economics
- 3 year-long credits in mathematics, including (at minimum)
 - 1 year-long credit in geometry
 - 1 year-long credit in algebra II or statistics and probability
- 3 year-long credits of science, including (at minimum)
 - 1 year-long Physical Science
 - 1 year-long Biology
 - 1 year-long Chemistry or Physics
- 1 year-long credit in the arts
- .5 year-long credits in physical education
- .5 year-long credits in health
- 6 year-long elective credits

My Life Plan - Completion of MLP Milestones, grades 9-12

- Learn more about My Life Plan

State of Minnesota Mandated Testing Requirement

- To earn a diploma from MPS, students must complete assessments in writing, reading, and mathematics. Different routes for meeting this requirement exist, depending on the year students were first enrolled in eighth grade.
- Additional information regarding state of Minnesota mandated testing requirements can be found on the [Minnesota Department of Education's website](#).

NCAA Requirements:

- Download the NCAA Guide For The College-Bound Student-Athlete for free at the following web address: <https://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4434-2016-17-ncaa-guide-for-the-college-bound-student-athlete-sold-as-a-package-of-25.aspx>
- Review the Quick Reference Guide (below) from the NCAA Eligibility Center regarding requirements for Division I and II Initial Eligibility

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Divisions I and II Initial-Eligibility Requirements

Core Courses

- **NCAA Divisions I and II require 16 core courses.** See the charts below.
- **Beginning August 1, 2016, NCAA Division I will require 10 core courses** to be completed **prior to the seventh semester** (seven of the 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that meet the distribution requirements below). These 10 courses become "locked in" at the start of the seventh semester and cannot be retaken for grade improvement.
 - *Beginning August 1, 2016, it will be possible for a Division I college-bound student-athlete to still receive athletics aid and the ability to practice with the team if he or she fails to meet the 10 course requirement, but would not be able to compete.*

Test Scores

- **Division I** uses a sliding scale to match test scores and core grade-point averages (GPA). The sliding scale for those requirements is shown on Page No. 2 of this sheet.
- **Division II** requires a minimum SAT score of 820 or an ACT sum score of 68.
- The SAT score used for NCAA purposes includes **only** the critical reading and math sections. The writing section of the SAT is not used.
- The ACT score used for NCAA purposes is a **sum** of the following four sections: English, mathematics, reading and science.
- **When you register for the SAT or ACT, use the NCAA Eligibility Center code of 9999 to ensure all SAT and ACT scores are reported directly to the NCAA Eligibility Center from the testing agency. Test scores that appear on transcripts will not be used.**

Grade-Point Average

- **Be sure** to look at your high school's List of NCAA Courses on the NCAA Eligibility Center's website (www.eligibilitycenter.org). Only courses that appear on your school's List of NCAA Courses will be used in the calculation of the core GPA. Use the list as a guide.
- **Division I** students enrolling full time **before August 1, 2016**, should use Sliding Scale A to determine eligibility to receive athletics aid, practice and competition during the first year.
- **Division I** GPA required to receive **athletics aid and practice on or after August 1, 2016**, is 2.000-2.299 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **Division I** GPA required to be eligible for **competition on or after August 1, 2016**, is 2.300 (corresponding test-score requirements are listed on Sliding Scale B on Page No. 2 of this sheet).
- **The Division II** core GPA requirement is a minimum of 2.000.
- Remember, the NCAA GPA is calculated using NCAA core courses only.

DIVISION I 16 Core Courses

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

DIVISION II 16 Core Courses

- 3 years of English.
- 2 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 3 years of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

Use for Division I beginning August 1, 2016

NCAA DIVISION I SLIDING SCALE		
Core GPA	SAT	ACT Sum
Verbal and Math ONLY		
3.550	400	37
3.525	410	38
3.500	420	39
3.475	430	40
3.450	440	41
3.425	450	41
3.400	460	42
3.375	470	42
3.350	480	43
3.325	490	44
3.300	500	44
3.275	510	45
3.250	520	46
3.225	530	46
3.200	540	47
3.175	550	47
3.150	560	48
3.125	570	49
3.100	580	49
3.075	590	50
3.050	600	50
3.025	610	51
3.000	620	52
2.975	630	52
2.950	640	53
2.925	650	53
2.900	660	54
2.875	670	55
2.850	680	56
2.825	690	56
2.800	700	57
2.775	710	58
2.750	720	59
2.725	730	60
2.700	740	61
2.675	750	61
2.650	760	62
2.625	770	63
2.600	780	64
2.575	790	65
2.550	800	66
2.525	810	67
2.500	820	68
2.475	830	69
2.450	840	70
2.425	850	70
2.400	860	71
2.375	870	72
2.350	880	73
2.325	890	74
2.300	900	75
2.299	910	76
2.275	910	76
2.250	920	77
2.225	930	78
2.200	940	79
2.175	950	80
2.150	960	81
2.125	970	82
2.100	980	83
2.075	990	84
2.050	1000	85
2.025	1010	86
2.000	1020	86