

2012 Senior Guide



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Sulura W. Jackson, Principal

The mission of Skyline High School is to build and sustain a community that promotes personal connections, inquiry, agile minds, and determination.

We nurture these qualities every day in everyone.

Class of 2012 Senior Calendar

August

Monday	22	12 th Grade Registration (10 AM – 2 PM)
Friday	26	Make-up Registration Day (10 AM – 2 PM)

September

Tuesday	6	First Day of School
Friday	23	Homecoming Parade 5:30 PM /Game 7:00 PM
Saturday	24	Homecoming Dance 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
Monday	26	Capsule Night 6:30PM – 9:30PM
Wednesday	28	Skyline PD - No School For Students

October

Friday	7	Term 1 Progress Report Period Ends
Wednesday	12	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Thursday	13	Skyline PD - No School For Students
Wednesday	19	12 th Grade College Visit Day

November

Monday	1	Deadline For Early Action /Decision
Tuesday	8	District PD Day: No School for Students
Wed – Fri	23-25	Thanksgiving Break (No School)
Monday	28	End of Term 1
Tuesday	29	Final Exams 2 nd & 4 th Hour Classes
Wednesday	30	Final Exams 1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Hour Classes

December

Thursday	1	Records Day (No School for Students)
Friday	2	Term 2 Begins
Thursday	22	Winter Vacation Begins at the End of the Day

January

Monday	9	School Resumes
Monday	16	Martin Luther King Day (School Closed)
Friday	20	Term 2 Progress Report Period Ends
Tuesday	31	Financial Aid Night (6:30 – 8 PM)

**Don't forget to purchase your ticket to
The All Night Senior Party.
June 11, 2012**

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February

Wednesday	1	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 8:00 PM
Wednesday	15	District PD Day: No School for Students
Friday	17	Mid-Winter Vacation Begins at the End of the Day
Monday	27	School Resumes

March

Tuesday	6	11 th grade ACT Plus Writing (No School for 9 th , 10 th , 12 th graders)
Wednesday	7	MME/ACT Work Keys (9 th , 10 th , 12 th graders report @ 11 AM)
Thursday	8	MME Testing (9 th , 10 th , 12 th graders report @ 11 AM)
Monday	12	End of Term 2
Tuesday	13	Final Exams (2 nd & 4 th Hour Classes)
Wednesday	14	Final Exams (1 st , 3 rd , & 5 th Hour Classes)
Thursday	15	Records Day (No School for Students)
Friday	16	Term 3 Begins
Friday	30	Spring Vacation Begins at the End of the School Day

April

Monday	9	School Resumes
Friday	27	Progress Report Period Ends

May

Wednesday	9	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00 – 8:00 PM Senior Assembly TBA
Saturday	19	Skyline Prom - Michigan Union Ballroom 8:00 PM – 12:00 PM
Wednesday	23	Senior Awards Banquet
Monday	28	Memorial Day (School Closed)
Wednesday	30	Senior Final Exams (2 nd & 4 th Hour Classes)
Thursday	31	Senior Final Exams (1 st , 3 rd , 5 th Hour Classes)

Last Day for Seniors (Thursday, May 31, 2012)

June

Monday	11	Skyline Graduation - EMU Convocation Center 6:00 PM Senior All Night Party – Skyline Commons 10:00 PM
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College Visit Dates

Dates are subject to change and new visits are added weekly. Please check the events calendar on the College & Career Center's website.

Wednesday, September 14

10:00am Northern Michigan University

12:30pm Madonna University

Wednesday, September 21

10:00am Cornell College – Iowa

Thursday, September 22

11:30am Univ. of Chicago

Friday, September 23

11:40am Univ. of Detroit Mercy

On-site Admissions – ACT score, transcript & FREE online app needed (DO NOT complete essay portion)

Thursday, September 29

9:30am Concordia University - Ann Arbor

11:30am Hope College

1:30pm University of Michigan - Ann Arbor

Monday, October 3

7:00pm Oberlin - Evening Preview

Info Session - Community High

Tuesday, October 4

10:00am Oberlin

Thursday, October 6

9:30am Grand Valley State Univ.

Friday, October 7

2:00pm Hampshire College - Amherst, Mass

Tuesday, October 11

9:15am Brown Univ.

9:15am Dartmouth College

Friday, October 14

9:30am Johns Hopkins

Thursday, October 20

9:30am Indiana Univ.

10:00am Oakland University

1:30pm Notre Dame

Friday, October 21

12:15am Baldwin-Wallace College

Wednesday, November 2

10:00am Senior Only Mini College Fair (Sky12) – See The Cube site for listing

www.a2skyline.org/skyline.careercenter

Wednesday, November 9

1:45pm Illinois Wesleyan

Thursday, November 10

9:30am Washtenaw Community College

Onsite Admissions – ACT score, transcript and FREE online needs to be completed (app will be completed in The Cube during visit)

Wednesday, December 7

11:30am Specs Howard

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Preparation For Flight: A guide for completing college applications

Common Application

Over 400 colleges accept the Common Application, a copy of the application and supplements required by certain colleges can be downloaded at

www.commonapp.org.

Applying to College

Each college application charges a processing fee that ranges from \$20 - \$100 per application. Thus counselors recommend that students research 3 to 5 colleges and of those, 1 or 2 should be "Safety Schools." A college that students are fairly certain that they will get admitted into based on test scores and GPA. (Financial waivers are available, see your SLC Counselor to request a waiver.)

In-State Schools

A cost efficient way to pursue higher education, especially for students that will seek graduate school and doctoral programs. In-state tuition is normally half of an out-of-state college, but some colleges will grant you in-state tuition based on academic eligibility.

Washtenaw Community College (WCC)

WCC has no application fee, and they offer students a two year program that allows easy transition into a four year university. Students who score below a 19 on the ACT may need to take the Compass Placement Test in the Spring in order to determine course placement in the Fall. Additionally, WCC does a great job of accommodating students with learning disabilities.

Dual Enrollment

A state law requirement, that school districts allow eligible students to enroll at local accredited colleges and in certain cases the district may pay a portion of the college tuition. If your student is a candidate for dual enrollment, be sure to meet with a counselor to discuss the details to help ensure that the credits will be transferred to your transcripts.

Preparation For Flight: A guide for completing college applications

Student Profile & Parent Brag Sheet

Must be completed and submitted to your counselor before you request a letter of recommendation. Additional copies of these forms can be obtained in your respective SLC Office, and be sure to keep a copy for your personal records.

Selecting Colleges

Research three or four colleges that you'd like to attend, applications will be available online, and in college admissions offices. If you need assistance feel free to stop by the career center in room B327, Mr. Oden will gladly assist you. If you have a fee waiver you cannot apply online, because your counselor has to enclose a letter to accompany the hard copy of your college application. Get teacher recommendations and allot for a 2-3 week time frame to accomplish this task. Provide each teacher with a self addressed envelop that includes postage, because these letters are mailed by the teacher.

The Application Process

Ranges from 2 to 3 weeks, and by submitting your application online and paying via credit card, you are starting off on the proper step of this process. Do not submit your application to your Counselor, unless you are requesting a financial fee waiver. Applications completed properly and submitted correctly will be processed with out delay.

PLAN AHEAD, know your college application and scholarship deadlines!

Graduation
June 11, 2011
6:00 pm
Eastern Michigan Convocation Center

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Parchment.com to send transcripts electronically

Use the step-by-step process below, or to use the PDF screen shot instructions [click here](#)

- Enter www.parchment.com
- Scroll down and register as high school student (NOT college student)
- Select either parent or student
- Enter email and password
- Create security question
- Save & continue
- Enter personal info and user name
- Select yes or no to grant permission for colleges to send you information
- Select yes or no for receiving the newsletter
- An email will be sent to you
- Open your email and verify your account
- Go to the home page of www.parchment.com
- Click my transcript
- Click get started
- Verify school
- Save and continue
- Enter enrollment information
- Waive your right to read letters of recommendation (colleges rather you NOT view letters of recommendations)
- Click next
- E-sign or use Parchment code (students can get their Parchment code from their SLC secretary)
- Save and continue
- Parchment will send a request to Skyline, asking to get your transcript
- Click deliver
- Select college (**NOTE** small shipping and handling fees apply for SOME schools)
- Order Summary – Pick whether you want to send current or future transcript
- Pay (if applicable)
- Save and continue
- Login anytime and select “track” to view delivery status
- Login anytime and select “My Transcript” to view or send

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Transcript Request

There are two types of transcripts available to students at Skyline, official and unofficial. Both requests will require a completed Transcript Request Form.

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Official Transcripts:

There is a \$2.00 processing fee for each transcript request. Click the "[Transcript Request](#)" link, print and complete the request form. Take the completed form to the Records Secretary Lynne Copeland (sky_records@aaps.k12.mi.us) in the Main Office for processing. Be sure to attach the \$2.00 per transcript request fee in cash, check or money order. Please make checks and Money Orders payable to Skyline High School. **Note:** You can view and send official transcripts via [Parchment.com](#).

Un-Official Transcripts:

Click the "[Transcript Request](#)" link, print and complete the request form. Take the completed form to the SLC Secretary on either the 3rd or 4th floor for processing. Unofficial transcripts are free of charge.

[Transcript Request Form](http://bit.ly/transcript_request_form) http://bit.ly/transcript_request_form

National Testing: SAT & ACT

SAT I

Is officially called the SAT I: Reasoning Test, it consists of verbal, math and writing sections and takes about 3 1/2 hours to complete. The test is administered 7 times per year at test centers around the country and the world. Nearly all selective colleges and universities require SAT or ACT scores for admissions. Seniors who have not taken the SAT I or wish to retake it will have the opportunity on; **October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd**. Registration must be completed and submitted by September 9th, October 7 and November 8th. Register online at www.sat.collegeboard.com.

SAT II

Subject tests are one-hour tests measuring specific achievement in 23 subject areas such as foreign languages, mathematics, science and history. Certain colleges may require SAT II, subject tests in addition to SAT I. The specific requirements for each college can be viewed online at their respective home pages. The test is only offered on certain test dates: **October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd**. Registration must be completed and submitted by September 9th, October 7 and November 8th. Students may take up to three **SAT II** subject tests on the dates listed. Seniors applying to any college on an early decision or early action plan are advised to take the test no later than **November 5th, 2011**.

ACT

The ACT is a college admissions test that consists of five sections: English, Math, Reading, Science reasoning and an optional writing section. Students receive a score for each section plus a composite score ranging from 1 - 36. The ACT is administered six times per year: September 10, October 22, December 10, February 11, April 14 and June 9, 2012. Registration must be submitted online at actstudent.org by August 12, September 16, November 4, January 13, March 9 and May 4, 2012.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Advanced placement exams are offered in May for students who have completed an AP course. AP exams are not required for college admissions but many colleges look favorably upon strong results on AP exams, but students are not penalized if they have not taken them. AP exams are normally used by colleges for college credit or for placement in advanced courses upon admission into college. Students are advised to check with colleges for specific information on how Advanced Placement credits are applied. Skyline students have the opportunity to take an AP exam in the following subjects: US History, American Government, French, German, Latin, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Calculus and English. AP exams are taken in May and each test cost approximately \$86. Students will register with a non refundable deposit that will be submitted in early March.

ACT/ SAT Prep

College Nannies and Tutors: www.collegetutors.com
3913 Jackson Rd. Suite 9, Ann Arbor MI 48103
(734) 761-8393

Academics Plus Education Resources: www.academicsplus.net
(734) 470-6339

Kaplan: www.kaptest.com & Princeton Review: www.princetonreview.com

Writing Prep

Lori Kintz: www.myessaycoach.net

Liza Atreya: www.essayandapp.com

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SAT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012*	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

Create a free online account to register and view scores online at:

www.sat.collegeboard.org

Skyline Testing Code: 230089

ACT Test Dates

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>(Late Fee Required)</u>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

Create a free online account to register and view scores online at:

www.ACTstudent.org

Skyline Testing Code: 230089

PSAT Test Dates

Test Date

October 12, 2011 & October 15, 2011

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html>

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Researching Scholarship

Your scholarship search can begin today, and here are a few helpful sites to get you started: www.MI-StudentAid.org, www.salliemae.com, www.fastweb.com. While searching try to avoid scholarship search companies that charge a fee, because a majority of the information they provide can be found online, in libraries, bookstores, guidance offices and career centers FREE of charge.

If you are planning to utilize a scholarship search company, google the company and read customer reviews, before you decide to invest financially. Most companies will charge you between \$45 & \$200 and simply provide you with a list of scholarships for which you may be eligible for, and you'll still have to apply for each scholarship listed.

Robert Oden, can be of assistance to parents and students seeking information about scholarships. Mr. Oden is located in the Skyline Career Center in room B327 or via email at odenr@aaps.k12.mi.us. Scholarship searches take a lot of time and effort, but the financial rewards are priceless.

AWARNES LINKS

The National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
www.nasfaa.org

Jump Start Coalition
www.jumpstartcoalition.org

Federal Student Aid Publications
www.ifap.ed.gov/ifap/publications.jsp

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/gearup/index.html>

EduGuide Publications
<http://www.eduguide.org/>

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2012 GRADUATION

Graduation will commence on June 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm at EMU

Cap & Gown

Balfour will rent graduation attire to all graduating seniors. Balfour representatives will visit Skyline on four different occasions to take payment and measurements for graduation attire.

Those dates being:

November 16	10am -12:30pm	Measurement & \$50 Payment
November 17	10am -12:30pm	Measurement & \$50 Payment
December 14	10am -12:30pm	Measurement & \$50 Payment
February 9	10am -12:30pm	Measurement & \$60 Payment

(Measurements will only be taken once a payment is made)

Balfour will be on campus October 6, 2011 during the Senior Assembly with samples for students to view, prior to purchasing. Once items are received, students are encouraged to try on caps and gowns for a proper fit.

Commencement

June 11, 2012 is the official date of graduation for Skyline 2012 Seniors. Eastern Michigan University will host graduation at the Convocation Center on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm. There are no ticket requirements for this special event, if a family member is in need of special seating or parking, have your student stop by their respective SLC office two weeks before graduation, for assistance. Principal Jackson will address behavior and dress attire prior to graduation, because violations of behavior or dress attire may exclude your student from the commencement ceremony.

The All Night Senior Party

An extraordinary event that allows the senior class to spend one last moment together before they venture out into the world unto various paths and destinations. The is a supervised event organized by Skyline Parents, be sure to purchase your ticket today and parents are encouraged to volunteer.

Senior Behavior

Poor behavior, i.e. cheating, fighting, suspensions and various other bad choices can affect your graduation status and college admissions. Administration and Staff are expecting you to soar, on June 11th, so don't let negative behaviors hinder your flight.

Yearbook Photos

Senior photos are due November 1st at 3:00 pm in the Skyline general office. All photos must be in color or black and white. The yearbook is in color, thus it would be wise to submit a photo in color. Pictures should be full face and shoulders, no hands, no hats, or extra objects. All photos will be cropped so that they are head and shoulder shots only. Students who do NOT wish to be pictured in the yearbook must let Ms. Jaaskelainen know in writing, immediately. Page 12 gives step by step instructions on how to download your student photo.

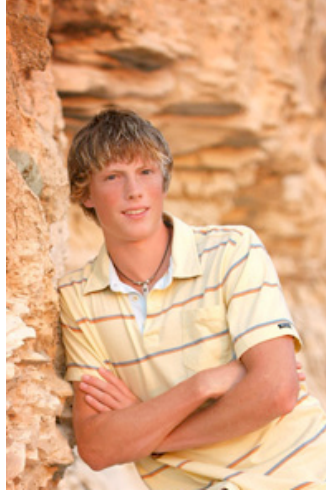
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Skyline Yearbook 2012

SENIOR PHOTO INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS THAT ENSURE YOUR PHOTO WILL BE USED IN THE YEARBOOK...

- Photo size: 2" wide x 3" tall (wallet size)
- **Only** photos shot from waist up
- Dress in a respectful fashion, **must** follow school dress code (take pride in your school)
- Have fun with your photo!



HOW TO UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS...

STEP 1:

Log on to: images.jostens.com

Enter Login ID: 400112441

Password: skyline123

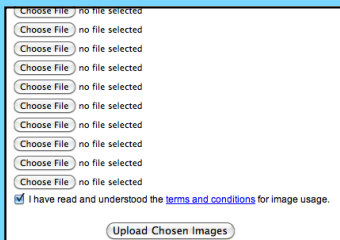
Deadline: November 1, 2011

*no photos will be accepted after 11/1/11

Hard copies can also be mailed to Skyline
c/o Kristal Jaaskelainen

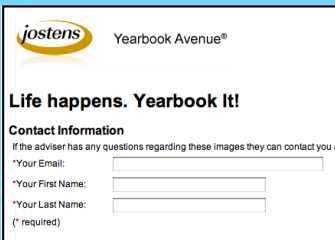
*include student name

Please email jaaskela@aaps.k12.mi.us for further questions.



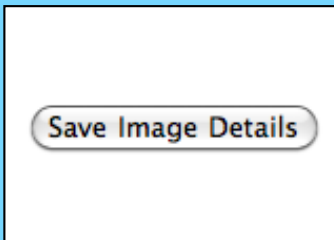
STEP 2:

- Browse to select the photo you wish to upload by clicking on "Choose File."
- Read the "terms and conditions."
- Click "Upload Chosen Images"



STEP 3:

- Provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information
- Provide image information



STEP 4:

- Click "Save Image Details"

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Michigan Graduation Requirements

The Class of 2012:

In keeping with the tradition of excellence in Ann Arbor Public Schools, the Skyline course offerings ensure that the class of 2012 will not only meet, but exceed, the State of Michigan requirements for high school graduation. Each year students are required to complete a course request form with input from teachers, counselors and your parent/guardians.

2011-2012's State of Michigan graduation requirements are listed below: Four years from now, you will have completed a course of study that reflects your individual interests, Michigan's graduation requirements, Ann Arbor Public School's graduation requirements of 22 credits, along with problem-solving and other 21st century skills you will need at college or in the workplace. This process ensures that you will be well prepared for an infinite number of opportunities after high school.

Graduation Requirements

The State of Michigan requires that each student must earn 16.5 credits distributed among the required area of study as specified below:

Course	Total	Specifics	Credits
Arts	1.0	Visual, Performing Arts	1.0
English Lang. Arts	4.0	English 9 (Gr.9)	1.0
		English 10 (Gr. 10)	1.0
		English Electives (Gr. 11)	1.0
		English Electives (Gr. 12)	1.0
Health	0.5	Health & Wellness (Gr. 10-11)	0.5
Mathematics	4.0	Algebra I	
		Geometry	1.0
		Algebra II	1.0
		Math Elective (Gr. 12)	1.0
Physical Education	1.0	Personal Fitness (Gr. 9-12)	0.5
		*PE Elective (Gr. 9-12)	0.5
Science	3.0	Biology	1.0
		Chemistry or Physics	1.0
		Science Elective	1.0
Social Studies	3.0	World History & Geography	1.0
		United States History & Geography	1.0
		United States Government	0.5
		Economics	0.5
Online		Online Course Experience (Documentation of 20 hrs)	

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Alternatives to College

Some students decide not to enter a four year college or university immediately after high school graduation due to a variety of reasons. In fact, some may want to wait a year or two before committing to a college and program of study. Many positive alternatives exist for these students that can lead to successful careers and eventually higher learning.

Trade School

Trade Schools specialize in training students in skills needed for a specific field. Students will receive certification and job leads up on graduation. The following website offers great information about trade schools and other careers (<http://www.trade-schools.net/>).

At this website, go to “Trade Schools Directory” with a list of the following job fields and careers: Students may search by field and state to gain access to specific schools’ web-sites.

Automotive, Plumbing, Electrician, Aviation, Travel & Tourism, Real Estate, Media Arts, Technology, Cosmetology, Business, and Interior Design.

1. Enter the Work Force

Working for a large company in an entry level position or starting a small business can help shape a student’s vision for his/her career path and field of study at college. Many websites exist for job hunting and the Metro-Detroit/Ann Arbor area holds several job fairs throughout the year.

2. Volunteer

Students who possess a passion for community and love “hands-on” projects may want to consider investigating the following opportunities:

Americorp (www.americorps.gov)

The Corporation for National and Community Service which allows students to make a difference through hundreds of programs throughout the U.S. which address the critical needs of struggling communities. Students may earn up to \$4,725 to pay for college.

City Year (www.cityyear.org)

This program unites young people (18-24 yrs.) of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service, giving them the skills and opportunities to make significant differences in the lives of children and communities across the country.

Student Conservation Association (www.thesca.org)

Jobs and internships throughout the U.S. (18 years and older) relating to the environment.

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Alternatives to College

4. Travel

Students may want to discover and explore other countries and their cultures through travel experiences. Consider exchange programs, working on a cruise ship, or working as au pair or nanny for a family in another country. The following website offers information on jobs outside the U.S. (http://www.quintcareers.com/col_unique_seasonal_jobs.html)

5. Military

Some students may want to consider services in one of the five military branches (**Army, Marine Corp., Navy, Air Force, and Coast Guard**). The military offers young people opportunities in travel, professional skill building, career opportunities, higher education, self-discipline, leadership, and self-discovery. Qualified service members can receive more than \$70,000 in college tuition as well. The following website will help students and their parents weigh the opportunities and benefits of military service. Additionally, this web-site also links to each military branch: "Things to Know Before Serving" (www.todaysmilitary.com/before-serving)

*Most of the military branches visit the SHS College and Career Center throughout the school year.

The NCAA & NCAA Eligibility Center

How to Use this Guide...

The guide addresses issues for three important groups of readers:

- High school students who hope to participate in college athletics at an NCAA college or university;
- Parents and legal guardians; and
- High school counselors and athletic administrators.

What is the NCAA?

The NCAA, or National Collegiate Athletic Association, was established in 1906 and serves as the athletics governing body for more than 1,300 colleges, universities, conferences and organizations. The national office is in Indianapolis, but the member colleges and universities develop the rules and guidelines for athletics eligibility and athletics competition for each of the three NCAA divisions. The NCAA is committed to the student-athlete and to governing competition in a fair, safe, inclusive and sportsmanlike manner.

The NCAA Membership includes:

335 active Division I members
288 active Division II members; and
432 active Division III members.

One of the differences among the three divisions is that colleges and universities in Division I and II may offer athletic scholarships, while Division III colleges and universities may not.

What is the NCAA Eligibility Center

The eligibility center certifies the academic and amateur credentials of a college-bound student athletes who wish to compete in the NCAA Division I or II athletics.

Ultimately, the individual student-athlete is responsible for achieving and protecting his or her eligibility status. Eligibility staff are available to assist with the process that's been created with a focus on education and a partnership with schools and coaches.

Accessing the Resource Page

www.eligibilitycenter.org

Navigating on the site listed above will provide you with resources that will benefit your student athlete.

When to Call the NCAA

When you have questions such as these:

- What are the rules and regulations related to initial eligibility?
- What are the rules and regulations related to amateurism?
- What are the regulations about transferring from one college to another?
- What are the rules about athletic scholarships and how can they be reduced or canceled?
- I have an education-impacting disability. Are there any other requirements for me?

Contact Information

NCAA Eligibility Center
Certification Processing
PO Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7136

Package or overnight delivery:

Certification Processing
1802 Alonzo Watford Sr. Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46202

NCAA Address

P.O. Box 6222
Indianapolis, IN 46206-6222
(317) 917-6222
Monday - Friday Noon - 4pm Eastern Time

Eligibility Center Customer Service

US callers/ toll free 877. 262. 1492
International callers 317. 223. 0700
Fax 317. 968. 5100

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Vocabulary for College-Bound Students

Early Notification

Applicants who have submitted an application prior to November 1st, will be notified via an Early Notification Letter, that they have been accepted into the college/university.

Regular Decision

Acceptance letters are normally mailed out prior to April 15th informing the student that they have been admitted or declined enrollment. The letters are sent no later than April 15th, to ensure that families receive a decision within a reasonable period of time.

Rolling Admission

The application process in which an institution reviews applications as they are completed and renders an admission decision to students throughout the admission process.

Open Admission

The policy of admitting virtually all high school graduates, regardless of academic qualifications such as high school grades and admission test scores.

Deferred Admission

Allowing students that have been accepted the ability to postpone enrollment for one year.

Wait List

An admission decision option utilized by institutions to protect against shortfalls in enrollment. Wait lists are sometimes necessary because there's uncertainty within the admission process. Students submit applications to multiple colleges and thus they receive several acceptances. By placing a student on the wait list, a college is not denying admission, but extends to the candidate the possibility of admission in the near future, before the institution's admission cycle is concluded.

Candidate Reply Date

May 1, students have until May 1 to officially accept or decline enrollment without penalty.

Credit Hour

A unit of academic credit that often represents one hour of class time per week for a period of study (semester, trimester or quarter).

Vocabulary for College-Bound Students

FAFSA

A Free Application for Federal Student Aid. FAFSA forms are completed online at www.fafsa.edu.gov and by completing a FAFSA form your student will find out how much federal aid they are available to receive. The application is FREE and students can begin completing the application in January.

SAR (Student Aid Report)

Once your FAFSA has been processed you will receive an SAR report, which normally arrives 2 to 4 weeks after submission. Your report will list what you submitted on your application and if there are no errors or questions or problems with your FAFSA application, your report will list your EFC (Expected Family Contribution).

Expected Family Contribution

The EFC is the amount that students and their families are expected to contribute toward the cost of their student's college education.

AID Package

A combination of funds that include scholarships, grants, loans and work study, all determined by the college's financial aid office.

Grant

A financial award based on need that does not require repayment. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies and educational institutions.

Award Letter

A letter informing students and parents what financial aid (if any) your college is offering to your student. It's a detailed letter that includes the types, amount of aid offered, and specific program information. You'll have the opportunity to accept or decline what's offered.

Scholarships

A non-repayable award to students based on merit or merit plus need.

Early Action

Students submit an application to an institution of preference and receive a decision well in advance of the institution's regular response date. Students who are admitted under Early Action are not obligated to accept the offer of admission nor do they have to submit a deposit prior to May 1.

Early Decision

Students submit an application to a first choice institution where, if admitted, they will definitely enroll. Students who are not awarded a financial package that would make attendance possible may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment.

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