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What is the “Future College Athletes” program at GRCHS?

The program is designed to assist GRCHS student athletes in their dream of becoming a student athlete at the college level. We seek to provide resources and be a guiding influence on how to navigate the complex set of rules and deadlines necessary to becoming eligible for college athletics.

Why should I play college athletics?

1. Because you love playing your sport
2. Because you are a more attractive and more valuable college applicant
3. Because it helps you pay for college
4. It’s all about who you know and developing connections—by playing college sports you will develop connections that last a lifetime and that will benefit your job search after college!

How does the Future College Athlete Program benefit my family?

We work in conjunction with you, your family and your high school counselor to ensure that you meet deadlines with the NCAA eligibility center and the academic requirements necessary to make you attractive and eligible for the next level. We are a resource for questions and concerns throughout the process, and can assist you in learning about schools that want you, or helping you get noticed by a school that you want to attend.

What can I expect if I join this program?

- There is no fee—this is a **free** service that GRCHS wants to provide to it’s constituency
- One-on-One guidance throughout the collegiate search and recruiting process
- Information for navigating the NCAA Eligibility Center and becoming a full qualifier for NCAA athletics
- If necessary, build an online personal profile that can be submitted to coaches and college athletic departments



How do I get started?

Step 1: Set up a meeting with Daimond Dixon so he can explain the Future College Athlete process and, if necessary, fill out your **GRCHS Athlete Profile**

Step 2: Set up a meeting with your high school counselor to do the following things:

1. Review your transcripts, ACT/SAT scores, and your high school academic plan
2. Discuss college and career interests and build your college list
3. Get scheduled to take/re-take your ACT test (use code "9999")
4. Acquire class records and other handouts needed to create an **NCAA Profile**

Step 3: Log on to www.eligibilitycenter.org and submit your information

Step 4: Report to Daimond and let him know you are ready to develop a plan!

Step 5: Build relationships. Work with Daimond to be proactive with contacting coaches, athletic departments, and admissions counselors at the schools you are interested in.

What is the **GRCHS Athlete Profile**?

It showcases your academic abilities and your sports performance. In addition, there is an option for you to create a highlight video for yourself through Hudl computer software. GRCHS varsity coaches use this software when uploading competition and practice footage. You can access this footage to create your own highlight video that can be linked to your profile and sent to coaches.

What is the **NCAA Profile**? What is www.eligibilitycenter.org?

Eligibility Center evaluates your academic record to determine if you are eligible to participate as a freshman at a Division I or II college. The profile is important because you may not take "official" college visits to DI or DII schools until your NCAA Profile on www.eligibilitycenter.org is completed and cleared by the NCAA.

This process is a bit time consuming, and usually takes a few hours to complete. We ask that you do this at home with your family. Your high school counselor will be helpful in getting you the information you need to complete this efficiently. If you are interested in DIII or NAIA it is important to note this when meeting with your counselor and with Daimond, but it is still necessary to fill out Eligibility Center online.

Once you are registered, the NCAA will create a profile for you that you can edit in the future. You, Daimond, and the counselors will work together to submit additional transcripts to the NCAA as you finish your junior and senior years in order to keep your NCAA profile updated.

Note: We can also get you involved with the NAIA Eligibility Profile as well.

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Tips For Your College Search

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Transfers:

1. Meet with your high school counselor: GRCHS requirements, NCAA requirements, college academic interests
2. Let Daimond Dixon know you are interested in pursuing athletics in college
3. Attend the sophomore counseling event in May to get the information you need

Juniors:

1. Take the ACT (use code "9999" to report your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center)
 2. Meet with your high school counselor: GRCHS requirements, NCAA requirements, college interest list, planning a challenging and beneficial class schedule for senior year
 3. Attend the Junior **Parent Night** for college planning
 4. Attend the Junior class **Future College Athletes** meetings with Daimond Dixon
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org

Seniors:

1. Take or Re-take the ACT (use code "9999")—Eligibility Center will take your top score
2. Meet with your high school counselor: Amateurism certification, NCAA requirements
3. Meet with Daimond Dixon to discuss your plan for athletic recruitment for this year
4. After graduation ask your high school counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center with the proof of your graduation

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