

# EDUCATION-IMPACTING DISABILITIES

For academic eligibility purposes, the NCAA defines an education-impacting disability as a current impairment that has a substantial educational impact on a student's academic performance and requires accommodation.

Some of the most common EIDs include:

- » Learning disabilities.
- » Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder.
- » Mental health disorders.
- » Medical conditions.
- » Deaf or hard of hearing.
- » Autism spectrum disorder.

If you have a documented EID, you must meet the same initial-eligibility standards as other students but may be provided certain accommodations to help meet those standards. For instance, if you have a documented EID, you may be allowed to take classes designed for students with EIDs if the classes appear on your school's list of NCAA-approved courses.

## Submitting Your EID Documentation

If you are a student with a documented EID, you only need to alert the NCAA Eligibility Center about your disability if you plan to enroll full time at a Division I or II school and would like to take additional core courses after you graduate high school.

If your EID documentation is approved by the Eligibility Center and you plan to attend a **Division I** school:

- » You may take up to three additional core courses after graduating high school but before enrolling full time at a Division I school – as long as you graduate from high school in eight consecutive semesters after starting ninth grade.

If your EID documentation is approved by the Eligibility Center and you plan to attend a **Division II** school:

- » You may take an unlimited number of core courses after starting ninth grade but before enrolling full time at a Division II school.

Information submitted to the NCAA about your EID is **not** released to colleges unless the student-athlete makes a specific written request.

To document your EID with the Eligibility Center, you must submit the following materials:

1. A complete NCAA **EID cover sheet**.
2. Your NCAA ID, high school graduation year, permanent address and phone number.
3. Current, signed documentation of your diagnosis (including test data) and/or recommendations from the treating professional (e.g., medical doctor, clinical psychologist or other qualified individual).
4. Current copy of your Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Section 504 Plan. If your high school did not provide an IEP or 504 Plan, the high school must submit documentation describing the available accommodations or an explanation of why accommodations were not provided.
5. A signed Buckley Statement form allowing certain individuals to review your EID information and speak on your behalf to the NCAA. A parent or guardian who would like to discuss your EID request with the NCAA must be listed on the Buckley Statement.

The cover sheet and Buckley Statement can be found at [ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/education-impacting-disabilities](https://ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/education-impacting-disabilities).

## Where to Send Your EID Documents

NCAA Eligibility Center  
EID Services  
P.O. Box 7110  
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7110

Fax: 317-968-5100

Email: [ec-processing@ncaa.org](mailto:ec-processing@ncaa.org)

If approved, you will be notified in writing and provided with additional information about available accommodations.

## SAT/ACT Exam with Accommodations

If you have a documented EID, you may also request to take an SAT or ACT exam with accommodations to satisfy test-score requirements by:

- » Registering for accommodations using the directions provided by the SAT or ACT.
- » Following procedures governed by SAT or ACT. The test may not be administered by a member of your high school athletics department or any NCAA school's athletics department.

If you take an SAT or ACT exam with accommodations, you may take the test on a date other than a national testing date, but you still must achieve the required test score.

Your high school counselor can help you register to take an SAT or ACT exam with accommodations. More information regarding the impact of COVID-19 and test scores can be found at [on.ncaa.com/COVID19\\_Fall2022](https://on.ncaa.com/COVID19_Fall2022).