

REPORT OF THE NCAA HIGH SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE APRIL 14-15, 2025, MEETING

ACTION ITEMS.

1. Legislative items.

• Science lab core-curriculum requirement. The High School Review Committee reviewed initial eligibility data related to the science lab requirement included in Division I bylaw 14.3.1.1 and Division II Bylaw 14.2.8.2.1, which states that a prospective student-athlete must complete a lab science course if offered by their high school. The committee discussed the application of this requirement, resulting in potential inequities in the certification process. Additionally, the committee considered whether the lab science requirement remains necessary, given that the existing criteria used to review science courses are sufficient for determining whether a course is college preparatory. The committee recommends the Division I Committee on Academics Subcommittee on Student-Athlete Academics and the Division II Academic Requirements Committee evaluate the lab science requirement as part of ongoing modernization efforts.

2. Nonlegislative items.

- a. **Criteria for review of high school instructional models.** The committee discussed high school instructional models from recent reviews and determined the need for additional criteria for review of instructional models in the policies and procedures. The committee directed staff to develop criteria related to teacher availability and the designation of a teacher of record for a course to be approved on a high school or district's list of NCAA core courses. The committee will review and electronically vote on revisions as part of the 2025-26 policies and procedures update process.
- b. **PSA Review trigger list review.** The committee reviewed the 2024-25 PSA Review trigger list and directed staff to revise triggers 4 (reporting inconsistencies) and trigger 5 (enrollment timelines) to account for inconsistencies in the way credits are recorded on a prospective student-athlete's academic record. The committee will review and electronically vote on revisions as part of the 2025-26 policies and procedures update process.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS.

- 1. **High school review staff and Eligibility Center updates.** The committee received an update on 2024 work volume, trends, and improvement initiatives from high school review staff and the vice president of the Eligibility Center.
- 2. **Eligibility data review.** The committee reviewed Division I initial-eligibility certification data related to the core-course progression (10/7) requirement in Division I Bylaw 14.3.1.1-b and discussed the original intent of the requirement and its current relevance.

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- 3. **Subject area distribution requirements.** The committee discussed current trends in high school graduation requirements across core academic subjects and other areas. The committee reviewed the "additional academic courses" category of core-curriculum requirements to consider a possible expansion allowing for approval of academic courses other than world language, philosophy and comparative religion. The discussion included consideration of evolving state graduation requirements, such as personal finance. The committee directed staff to gather additional information for further discussion.
- 4. **Review of policies and procedures.** The committee reviewed and discussed updates to its policies and procedures to improve clarity, style, and alignment with its stated purpose and operations. The updates will be incorporated into the 2025-26 version and approved by electronic vote following the meeting.

Committee Chair: William Morrison, Highland Park High School

Committee Vice Chair: David Stein, Texas Christian University Staff Liaison(s): Sarah Overpeck, Eligibility Center

Christa Palmer, Eligibility Center

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Attendees:

Brandon Corley, Earl Monroe New Renaissance Basketball School.

Christopher Huff, Waverly Community Schools.

William Morrison, Highland Park High School.

Krista Plummer, Northwood University.

Maureen Smith, California State University, Sacramento.

David Stein, Texas Christian University.

Stephanie Thompson, Alabama State University.

Joe Villani, Bethel Park High School.

Absentees:

Jerel Drew, Clark Atlanta University.

Guests in Attendance:

None.

NCAA Staff Liaison (or Staff Support if subcommittee) in Attendance:

Sarah Overpeck and Christa Palmer.

Other NCAA Staff Members in Attendance:

Gary deCastro, Michele Forte-Osborne, Brett Gorden, Matt Harris, Melissa Miller, Kaylen Overway, Derek Powell, Amy Routt, Brian Seda and Amy True.