



“NCAA New Requirements...”

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents
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Subject: National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) New Requirements

Recently, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) issued new requirements and general guidelines for Credit Recovery, On-line Courses, and other Nontraditional Educational Opportunities. In their document, which is attached, some of the more glaring points of interest would be that credit recovery courses now require a time frame and rigor that is similar to the regular course, along with regular and ongoing interaction between student and teacher.

What does this mean for your credit recovery students who are seeking an athletic scholarship to a NCAA Division I or II school? The Eligibility Center which verifies student transcripts may no longer accept credit recovery courses that do not meet the NCAA's new guidelines. These new guidelines became effective on August 1, 2010. All credit recovery courses taken prior to August 1, 2010, will be reviewed under the NCAA's previous guidelines. Please communicate this information to your building administrators, counselors, graduation coaches, parents, and community at large to ensure an understanding of this new guideline and its implications on your current credit recovery program.

The Georgia Department of Education has been in communication with the Georgia High School Association regarding these new guidelines and they are communicating this information to their membership. If you have any questions related to these new guidelines please contact Patrick Blenke, Program Manager for Academic Leadership, at ablenke@doe.k12.ga.us, or 404-463-1765.

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