



COVID-19 Related Exceptions for Entering Freshman

Quick Hits

- Home school students can become automatically eligible if they have earned 9 institutional credit hours with C's or better prior to identification at any school.
- I have a qualifying test score but do not meet class rank or GPA. Can I use this exception?
 - **Yes.**
- I have a qualifying class rank but do not meet test score or GPA. Can I use this exception?
 - **No.**
- I have a qualifying GPA and one of the other requirements. Do I have to use this exception?
 - **No. If you meet 2/3 then you will not be utilizing this exception.**
- Do I have to request the exception?
 - **No. The NAIA Eligibility Center will apply the exception automatically.**

Who to Contact

For rules, hardships, request for exceptions, continuing eligibility

Legislative Services
naia.org/legislative
legislative@naia.org
816.595.8180

For questions about NAIA Eligibility Center decisions and status

PlayNAIA
PlayNAIA.org
ECinfo@naia.org
816.595.8300

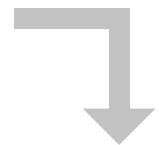
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Please note these are a collection of some of the most important scenarios arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic. To find out more information please go to naia.org/COVID-19.

WHO

Entering Freshmen

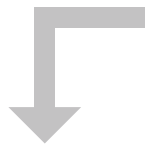
- A freshman is anyone who has not been identified for at least two semester terms of attendance or three quarter terms of attendance.



WHAT

Initial Eligibility Requirements

- Generally, entering freshman have to meet two out of three initial eligibility requirements: ACT/SAT test score; high school GPA; and/or high school class rank.



WHEN

- However, freshman seeking a decision for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic year are able to meet initial eligibility requirements by having only a 2.000 final high school GPA.

WHERE/WHAT

- If a student utilizes this exception, they would be eligible to compete in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic year.
- However, after they are identified for two semesters or three quarters, they must have at least a 2.000 cumulative collegiate GPA.

