

## **2006 Hot Topic -- Review of High Schools Approved for Use in NCAA Initial-Eligibility Process**

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### **Interpretation:**

Based on recommendations from the NCAA Working Group to Review Initial-Eligibility Trends that were approved by the NCAA Division I Board of Directors and the NCAA Division II Presidents Council, the NCAA has begun its review of high schools to ensure the academic legitimacy of the high schools used in the initial-eligibility process.

Eventually, all high schools will be reviewed using the criteria established by the working group and endorsed by the Board and the Presidents Council. The initial schools under review were identified based on irregularities in the information reported to the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse.

The schools currently under review have been notified and given the opportunity to respond to specific questions regarding the high school. Failure to provide a response to the questions will result in a school being invalidated for use in the initial-eligibility process. In addition, on-site visits have been conducted at some high schools to supplement the information considered in the review.

In order to ensure certification decisions for student-athletes for fall 2006 enrollees, a determination will be made by July 1, 2006, regarding those schools currently being reviewed. This determination will establish early in the certification timeline whether the school's academic credentials will be able to be used for certifications during the 2006-07 academic year. Many schools will be reviewed after July 1, and some schools being reviewed prior will remain under review; however, based on timing, these schools, if already approved for NCAA purposes, could be used in certification for student-athletes enrolling fall 2006. If a school is subsequently invalidated, future student-athletes will be impacted by this decision and not permitted to use the high school in the initial-eligibility process.

In addition to the approval of a process for review of high schools, the Board and Presidents Council endorsed a proposal to incorporate a review of a prospective student-athlete's academic record. Therefore, even if a school is validated, it is possible that the individual student-athlete's academic record could be invalidated based on a review of the academic credentials of that particular student-athlete. This review will occur at the time a final certification decision is being rendered.

As of June 1, the following schools have been invalidated and are no longer approved for NCAA purposes. These schools are currently marked in the clearinghouse system as inactive. The majority of schools were not approved for NCAA purposes based on failure to respond to the information sent to the high school. It should be noted if information is subsequently received, the specific credentials of the school may be reviewed.

American Academy (Miami, Florida)  
Celestial Prep (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)  
Einstein Charter School (Morrisville, Pennsylvania)  
Goliath Academy (Miami Lakes, Florida)  
Hawaii Electronic School (Honolulu, Hawaii)  
Martinez Adult Education (Martinez, California)

North Atlantic Regional High (Lewiston, Maine)  
Paradise Christian Academy (Paradise, California)  
Philadelphia Christian Academy (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)  
Ranch Academy (Canton, Texas)  
Rich Township HS Phoenix Camp (Park Forest, Illinois)  
Sagemount School (Miami, Florida)  
Tazewell City Career and Tech Center (Tazewell, Virginia)  
University High School (Miami, Florida)  
Virginia Beach Central Academy (Virginia Beach, Virginia)

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The compliance staff should be notified immediately if you are recruiting any PSAs from a school listed above.