

Home School Committee Review

Overview

NAIA Bylaws Article V, Section C, Item 2.c, Note 2 state that home-schooled students who complete a home schooling program conducted in accordance with the laws of the student's state of residence will meet entering freshmen requirements by satisfying any of the following requirements:

Completion of home school program (Must submit final transcript with graduation date)	OR	Completion of home school program (Must submit final transcript with graduation date)
AND		AND
Qualifying test score		Nine (9) post-secondary credits, earned with a grade of "C" or better, prior to the first term at NAIA institution*

*Credits must be transferred onto the NAIA institution's transcript. Transcripts from the original institution where credit was earned **AND** NAIA institution transcript must be submitted to the eligibility center.

Home School ACT / SAT Test Score Requirements:

Date of Test	ACT	SAT
After 5/1/2019	18	970

Students who do not meet the above requirements will have the opportunity to file for a home school committee review. A student receiving a home school waiver will be recognized as meeting entering freshman requirements.

The home school committee is separate from the NAIA Eligibility Center and is made up of a group of Faculty Athletics Representatives, Conference Eligibility Chairs, and Registrars at NAIA member institutions. The group communicates with the eligibility center through their liaison, who is an NAIA Eligibility Center staff member.

The Process

Should a home-school student receive an initial eligibility center determination of “not eligible,” they may take the following steps to request a home school committee review.

1. Receive an initial decision of “Not Eligible”.
2. Click the blue “Request Home School Committee Review” button, located under their decision on the “Decision Details” page of their PlayNAIA.
3. Complete the form.
 - a. Enter all requested information. The student can open and save the form as many times as needed.
 - b. For the “Documents” portion, upload appropriate documentation or select “Not Applicable” for optional documents.

REQUIRED for <u>all</u> home school waiver requests	A course schedule from the NAIA school for the term the student is seeking an eligibility determination.
REQUIRED for all <u>incoming freshman</u> home school waiver requests (in addition to the course schedule)	Letter testifying to the student’s overall academic preparedness from unrelated third parties (letter of recommendation).
	Plan of action for academic accountability during the student’s first term of attendance at their NAIA institution.

4. Submit optional documentation.
 - a. The student can submit additional documentation for the committee to review.
 - b. Examples include: non-traditional test scores, additional transcripts (e.g., traditional high school, non-accredited, etc.), and any other documentation that the student feels necessary to submit.
5. Submit the request form.
 - a. Please note, the student **MUST** select “Submit” at the bottom of the form once they are ready to move forward with their waiver request. Until then, the form is not considered final nor sent to the Home School Liaison.
6. Await committee review.
 - a. Once the request is submitted, the Home School Liaison (an eligibility center staff member) will compile the request and send it to the Home School Committee 1-3 business days from submission.
 - i. If the student’s request needs any additional documentation, the liaison will notify them prior to sending to the committee.
 - b. Upon receiving the committee’s decision, the liaison will notify the student of the outcome.
 - i. Please note, during peak times (e.g. start of fall semester), decisions from the committee will be relayed to the eligibility center **within 5 business days**.
 - i. If the Home School Committee review results in the student being eligible, the liaison will update the decision on the student’s PlayNAIA account

Questions?

If you have any questions about the eligibility center appellate process, please contact the NAIA Eligibility Center [here](#).