

Eastview High School

College Football Recruiting Information

Levels of play

DIVISION I (FBS- Football Bowl Subdivision)

- 129 FBS Schools in the country, (Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa State, Northern Illinois)
- 85 scholarships, FBS schools must give full scholarships.
- Minnesota typically produces 8-10 players each year are offered scholarships from FBS schools.
- Even with more scholarships than any other division level, **80% of the opportunities to play college football fall outside of the FBS level.** It's always good to pursue the dream of playing for an FBS program but your recruiting efforts should include other division levels as well.

DIVISION I (FCS- Football Championship Subdivision) Formerly IAA

- 125 FCS schools in the country.
- They have a 20 team playoff at end of season
- FCS schools have 63 scholarships. No more than 85 players can be on scholarship.
- FCS schools can give partial scholarships, but most do not.
- There are 5 FCS schools in five state area – NDSU, UND, SDSU, USD, Northern Iowa

DIVISION IAA Non-Scholarship

- There are 30 DI AA Non-Scholarship Programs.
(St. Thomas, Butler, Valparaiso, Drake, Dayton, Harvard, Yale, Columbia)
- There are 3 DI AA Conferences - Ivy League, Patriot League, Pioneer League

DIVISION II

- 169 Division II schools in the country.
(Minnesota-Duluth, Mankato State, Augustana, Winona State)
- Can have up to 36 scholarships, coaches **usually divide them up** to get as many athletes money as possible
- Leagues will have different rules for scholarships (some schools have 6, some have 36)

DIVISION III

- There are 250 DIII football programs
(MIAC schools, St. Olaf, St. Johns, Hamline, Bethel, St. Thomas, Wisc Stout, River Falls, White Water, etc)
- There are **no athletic scholarships given**, but can to receive academic or need based scholarships.
Many times a healthy balance between school and sports

NAIA

- There are 96 NAIA football programs
None in Minnesota, closest are Dordt, Waldorf, Northwestern, Grandview in Iowa. Mayville St, Valley City St, Jamestown in North Dakota.
Dakota St and Dakota Wesleyan in South Dakota
- They can have 24 scholarships, partial scholarships are common
Strong students can receive academic aid in addition to partial scholarship.

Junior College

- 68 Junior College programs, 2-year institutions. Schools will vary in academic requirements and scholarships available. Student athletes usually use this option because of academic issues.

Estimated probability of competing in college football

High School Participants	NCAA Participants	Overall % HS to NCAA	% HS to NCAA Division I	% HS to NCAA Division II	% HS to NCAA Division III
1,093,234	71,291	6.5%	2.5%	1.7%	2.3%

Selecting a College

- Assemble a list of schools that both have the programs you’re looking AND feel like they’re a good “fit” for you.
 - *Ask yourself- “what if football doesn’t work out? Will I still be happy at this school?”*
- Key points: location, cost, atmosphere and academic programs available at the school.
- Appropriate level of football. *Keep in mind in 18 years Eastview High School has had 2 football athletes go to a D1 FBS college and compete in football all 4/5 years.*

How To Get A Football Scholarship

- Must be a great high school football player , have a “love for the game”.
- Must have **high character** and **strong work ethic**
 ****New Eligibility Standards “**2.3 or Take A Knee**” starting in **August 2016******
- Work hard academically – Need a 2.3 Core GPA/86 ACT (Sliding Scale)
 - 6 semesters of Math
 - 8 semesters of English
 - 4 semesters of Science
 - 4 semesters of History
 - 2 semesters of additional Math, English, or Science
 - 8 semesters of additional courses
- Make highlight video on HUDL after junior year and include **game film**
- Make contact with the coaches as the schools you’re interested in
- Attend 2 or 3 one-day football camps during the summer before senior year
- It has to work out for the college as well, they need to be interested in you
- Have a great senior season

The best place to start is the NCAA web site:

<http://www.ncaa.org/>

2015-2016 Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete

<http://www.ncaapublications.com/productdownloads/CBSA16.pdf>