



LEARN HOW YOUR EDUCATION IN 9TH GRADE CAN IMPACT YOUR FUTURE ATHLETIC GOALS.

Saint Paul Public Schools and the Minnesota Twins RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) program promises to help you be a successful student athlete in the classroom and on the field.

GET IN THE GAME

You can be at the top of your game by setting personal goals that will help you achieve personally and academically. One of the most important factors to success is getting good grades in school. Your grade point average (GPA) will not only affect your athletic goals in high school, but also in college.

Here's what you need to participate in sports in high school and beyond.

1. Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.
2. Graduate from high school with completed core classes and required tests.
3. To pursue an athletic career at a Division I or Division II college or university, you must:
 - Register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Eligibility Center and complete 10 core classes, seven of which must be completed prior to entering 12th grade.
 - Maintain a minimum 2.3 GPA in the required core classes
 - Graduate from high school.

MAKE HIGH SCHOOL A HOME RUN

To pursue a degree from a college or university, be sure to complete your high school's required core classes. Work with your school counselor to determine which classes will put you on a path toward graduation.

Minnesota's Graduation Requirements per academic year include:

- 4 credits of English
- 3 credits of Mathematics, including algebra I, algebra II, geometry, statistics and probability
- 3 credits of Science, including biology, chemistry, physics or Career and Technical Education (CTE)
- 3 1/2 credits of Social Studies, including world history, U.S. history, geography, government and citizenship, world history and economics
- 1 credit in the arts
- 7 elective credits

** Be sure to work with your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) case manager, English Language Learner (ELL) teacher or school counselor to determine which classes will fulfill Minnesota's graduation requirements.*

Winning in the 9th

STEP UP TO THE PLATE

A strong foundation for participating in college sports begins with classes in high school. NCAA member colleges and universities want you to be prepared for the academic expectations in college.

- To play Division I sports, you must earn 16 credits in core courses.
- Ten of them must be completed prior to the seventh semester. Those ten courses are “locked in” and can’t be retaken to improve the grade-point average.
- Seven of those 10 must be a combination of English, math or natural or physical science that fulfills the overall distribution requirements listed below.
- If you don’t earn 10 courses before your seventh semester, you are still eligible to practice and receive a scholarship, but you can’t compete.
- For a complete list of your high school’s NCAA core courses, visit www.eligibilitycenter.org.

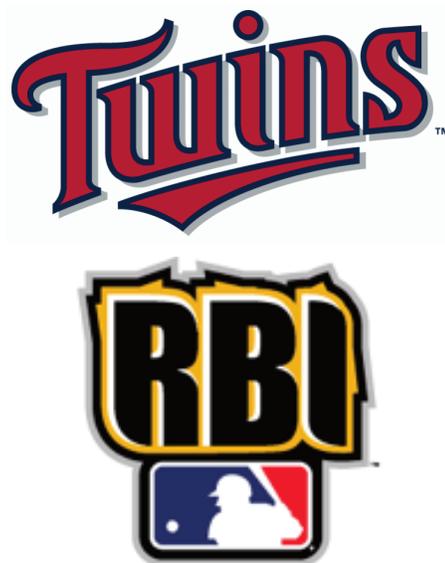
Division I Core Course Requirements

- 4 years of English.
- 3 years of mathematics (Algebra I or higher).
- 2 years of natural/physical science (1 year of lab if offered by high school).
- 1 year of additional English, mathematics or natural/physical science.
- 2 years of social science.
- 4 years of additional courses (from any area above, foreign language or comparative religion/philosophy).

ABOUT

Minnesota Twins RBI (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) is an initiative by Major League Baseball for youth in urban areas, ages 13-18. The program is designed to increase participation and interest in baseball and softball; encourage academic participation and achievement; increase the number of talented athletes prepared to play in college and the minor leagues; promote greater inclusion of students of color in the game and teach the value of teamwork.

The Minnesota Twins RBI program is operated in partnership with Major League Baseball (MLB), Twins Community Fund, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and City of Saint Paul Parks and Recreation.



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