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## **Intercollegiate Athletic Program**

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The intercollegiate athletic program is maintained as a vital component of the HCC academic program, and student athletes shall be an integral part of the student body. The admission, academic standing and academic progress of student athletes shall be consistent with the standards adopted by the College for the student body in general and with NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) standards. Each student athlete shall be viewed first as a student, and each coach shall be viewed as an educator. All student athletes must be enrolled in a minimum of a 12 credit hour load during the entire length of their athletic season. The college administration is to annually provide a report to the Board that summarizes student athlete academic performance and eligibility status for the prior academic year and the ongoing work that is being done to review and enforce eligibility rules and enhance the success of student athletes.