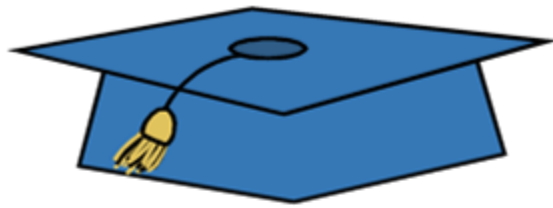


Senior Class Guide 2024-2025



TRCC Senior Awards Night

May 15, 2025 Marion Coliseum

Student Services Organization

Mrs. Dunn:

sdunn@tririvers.com

Elgin, North Union, and Other schools not listed

Mrs. Large:

klarge@tririvers.com

Marion Harding, Mount Gilead Juniors, Pleasant, and Ridgedale

Mrs. Balliett:

cballiett@tririvers.com

Cardington, Highland, Mount Gilead Sophomores & Seniors, and River Valley

For updates and important information:

- Counselor Corner canvas page
- Check your school email for school specific updates and info

GOAL #1-GRADUATE!

- Credit/Graduation Pathway Concerns

Review with your TRCC counselor

Your homeschool counselor will be out to discuss your graduation pathway Tuesday, September 24, 2024

- Attendance

Be HERE 98% or more of the time.

- Graduation Pathways



OHIO'S GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

CLASS OF 2023 AND BEYOND

Ohio's long-term graduation requirements take effect for the class of 2023. For students entering ninth grade on or after [July 1, 2019](#), Ohio's new high school graduation requirements provide more flexibility to choose a graduation pathway that builds on a student's strengths and passions – one that ensures students are ready for their next steps after high school. Students in the classes of 2018 through 2022 may also use these requirements as a pathway to graduation.

As a part of this pathway to graduation, students must show that they have completed all three parts of these requirements.

1. Credit Requirements:

Students must earn a [minimum total of 20 credits](#) in specified subjects and take your required tests. Schools can locally require more than 20 credits. Schools are still required to administer all the high school end-of-course assessments. These are: English Language Arts II, Algebra I (or Integrated Math II), Geometry (or Integrated Math II), Biology, American History, and American Government.

2. Competency:

Students can demonstrate competency by earning a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) and English language arts II tests. Students who do not pass the test will be offered additional support and must retake the test at least once. If students have not met the competency score on these tests, there are four additional ways to show competency.

Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
Algebra I and ELA II	Career Readiness	College Credit Plus	Military Enlistment	ACT or SAT

Refer to the back of this page for a brief discription of each option.

Option 1. To demonstrate competency using Ohio's state tests, students must earn a score of 684 or above on both the Algebra I (or Integrated Math I) and English language arts II end-of-course exams.

Option 2. To demonstrate competency by Career Readiness, students must demonstrate two career-focused activities, at least one must be a foundational option.

- Foundational options: 1. Cumulative score of proficient on 3 or more WebXams. 2. Earn 12-points of industry credential. 3. Complete a registered pre-apprenticeship, an apprenticeship, or show evidence of acceptance into an approved apprenticeship. 4. State-issued license for a practice in a vocation.
- Supporting options: 1. Work-Based Learning. 2. Earn the workforce readiness score on the Workkeys. 3. Earn the OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal

Option 3. To demonstrate competency through the College Credit Plus Program, students must earn credit in a non-remedial math or English course for the subject area not passed.

Option 4. To demonstrate competency through Military Enlistment, students must provide evidence of enlistment in a branch of the armed forces to demonstrate competency.

Option 5. To demonstrate competency using the ACT or SAT, students must obtain a remediation-free score in the math and/or English subject area on the ACT or SAT. To demonstrate competency in English, a student must be remediation-free in the subjects of English and reading on the ACT or SAT.

3. Readiness:

Students can meet the readiness requirement by earning two diploma seals. In alignment with their graduation plan, students should be choosing seals that align with their goals and interests. These seals give students the chance to demonstrate academic, technical and professional skills and knowledge that align to their passions, interests and their post-high school pathway.

Of the two seals students are required to earn, at least one of the two must be State-Defined. Ohio's 12 diploma seals are:

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|---|---|
| • OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal (State-Defined) | • Honors Diploma Seal (State-Defined) |
| • Industry-Recognized Credential Seal (State-Defined) | • Seal of Biliteracy (State-Defined) |
| • College-Ready Seal (State-Defined) | • Technology Seal (State-Defined) |
| • Military Enlistment Seal (State-Defined) | • Community Service Seal (Locally-Defined) |
| • Citizenship Seal (State-Defined) | • Fine and Performing Arts Seal (Locally-Defined) |
| • Science Seal (State-Defined) | • Student Engagement Seal (Locally-Defined) |

Want to learn more?

Contact your school counselor or visit education.ohio.gov/graduation



The Next Step...

College

Visitation Days- 1 per semester (Must be completed BY MAY 1) 2 total for the year.

-Contact your counselor to start the paperwork at **least 7 school days in advance!**

-Completed paperwork must be returned to Student Services and approved 3 days in advance

-Must be passing all classes with a C or higher


-Not more than 3 unexcused absences in the quarter the visit is requested

-Must have parent consent (even if you are 18 or older)

ACT (Placement Test)

The ACT is an all multiple-choice test consisting of 215 questions. The ACT assessment tests knowledge in four subject areas: English, Reading, Math, and Science Reasoning.

There is an optional Writing test as well. The questions on the ACT are directly related to the materials students have learned in high school.



TEST DATES

United States, US Territories, and Puerto Rico

The **ACT**[®]

2024|2025

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Photo Upload and Standby Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25	September 6
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7	October 18
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22	December 6
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20	January 31
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16	March 28
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26	June 6
July 12, 2025*	June 6	June 20	July 4

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date.

Test Information Release for the 2024–2025 testing year will occur in September, December, and February. See www.act.org/the-act/tir for more information.

www.act.org

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All fees are nonrefundable unless otherwise noted.

ACT Test Options and Prices

	Fee	Details
The ACT (no writing)	\$69.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register).
The ACT with writing	\$94.00	Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges (if codes are provided when you register). More about the ACT with writing
Test option change	\$25.00	You may add or remove the writing test through the late deadline in MyACT.

Register online at www.actstudent.org

See your counselor in advance for registration information. Students that qualify for free and reduce lunch may get 1 fee waiver during their senior year.

**All Marion City Students will receive 1 fee waiver for the test from Marion City. See Mrs Large for the waiver.*

Who needs to take the ACT?

ALWAYS check with the college you plan to attend if you are unsure whether you need to take the ACT.

- Students pursuing a 4 year Bachelor's degree
- Student pursuing 2 year associates degree in certain fields
- Student wishing to apply for scholarships
- Many colleges use ACT scores to help in placement of college courses

What if I am planning on attending a Trade school or Associate Degree?

- ACT is normally required but check with the school to be sure
- If applying for scholarships, it is very important for you to take the ACT
- Often these schools require the ACCUPLACER or COMPASS test

How can you prepare?

<https://academy.act.org/>

<https://www.march2success.com/>


<https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/>

Scholarships

- Register online for Scholarship Web searches ASAP (fastweb.com)
- Scholarship updates will be available beginning in September in the Student Service Office.
- Check regularly your home school website and your home school counselor for school specific scholarships
- Get active in your CTSO and other organizations...Volunteer
- Counselor Corner in Canvas Check weekly!

FAFSA

-Dec 2024 you can file for the 2025-2026 school year! FILE Early, there are a few *federal student aid programs* that have limited funds, so be sure to apply as soon as you can once the FAFSA is available for the year you'll be attending school.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!!!
Get ready to #DoTheFAFSA

Here are six steps for you to complete at the beginning of your senior year:

1. Search for scholarship opportunities
2. Complete scholarship applications
3. Create your personal FSA ID
4. Ensure each FAFSA contributor creates an FSA ID*
5. Determine your dependency status
6. Complete at least one college application

*For more information on FAFSA contributors, please visit:
<https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/help/contributor-information-list>

-You will use the 2023 year's tax information to complete the FAFSA


-Create a FSA ID, which consists of a user-created username and password, replaced the PIN effective May, 2015. **You must have a FASFA ID to start the FASFA.** It allows users to electronically access personal information on Federal Student Aid Web sites as well as electronically sign a FAFSA.


<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/fafsa>

- Complete the FAFSA

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

For resources, including information on how to search for scholarships, visit the **FAFSA Hub** by using the QR Code:



 Department of Higher Education

Creating and Using the FSA ID

What's an FSA ID?

The FSA ID is a username and password combination you use to log in to U.S. Department of Education (ED) online systems. The FSA ID is your legal signature and shouldn't be created or used by anyone other than you—not even your parent, your child, a school official, or a loan company representative. You'll use your FSA ID every year you fill out a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form and for the lifetime of your federal student loans.

How do I get an FSA ID?

Visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch) to create an FSA ID. You'll need your Social Security number, full name, and date of birth. You'll also need to create a memorable username and password, and complete challenge questions and answers so you can retrieve your account information if you forget it.

You'll be required to provide either your email address or your mobile phone number when you make your FSA ID. Providing a mobile phone number and/or email address that you have access to will make it easier to log in to ED online systems and allow additional account recovery options.

Important: A Social Security number, email address, and mobile phone number can only be associated with one FSA ID. If you share an email address with someone else, then only one of you will be able to use that email address to create an FSA ID.

FSA ID Tips

- If you need to provide information about your parents on the FAFSA® form, one of your parents will need an FSA ID to sign the form. Your parent can create an FSA ID and then sign the FAFSA form electronically using that FSA ID. Not sure whether you'll need to put your parents' information on the FAFSA form? Check out [StudentAid.gov/dependency](https://studentaid.gov/dependency). **Remember:** You should create your own FSA ID, and your parent should create his or her own FSA ID. Also make sure to use the correct FSA ID when signing the FAFSA form electronically.
- When you first create your FSA ID, the use of your FSA ID will be restricted to completing, signing, and submitting an original (first-time) FAFSA form. You'll have to wait one to three days for your information to be confirmed by the Social Security Administration (SSA) before you can use your FSA ID for other actions, such as submitting a FAFSA Renewal or signing a *Master Promissory Note*. If you provided an email address, then you'll receive an email letting you know that your information was successfully matched with the SSA, and you can begin using your FSA ID.
- If you forget your FSA ID username or password, look for the "Forgot My Username" and "Forgot My Password" links on log-in pages. These links will direct you to web pages where you can request a secure code to be texted to your verified mobile phone number or emailed to your verified email address. The secure code will allow you to retrieve your username or reset your password. You can also retrieve your username or reset your password by successfully answering your challenge questions. **Remember:** If you verified your email address or mobile phone number during account creation, you can enter your email address or mobile phone number instead of your username to log in.

Learn more about how you can use your FSA ID at [StudentAid.gov/help-center/answers/article/how-can-i-use-my-fsa-id-username-and-password](https://studentaid.gov/help-center/answers/article/how-can-i-use-my-fsa-id-username-and-password). Find this fact sheet at [StudentAid.gov/resources](https://studentaid.gov/resources).

May 2021

FSA ID WORKSHEET



FAFSA.gov

Federal Student Aid IDs are required for students and parents to access and electronically sign the FAFSA. Parent(s) of dependent students will also need to create an FSA ID. **KEEP IN A SAFE PLACE.**

1

ENTER AN EMAIL ADDRESS _____

The email address must be unique to each individual. You will not be able to use the same email address for student and parent. **DO NOT** use high school email accounts.

2

CREATE A USERNAME _____

Must be 6-30 characters. Avoid using personal identifiers like your name or birthdate.

3

CREATE A PASSWORD _____

Must be 8-30 characters and contain upper- and lowercase letters and numbers. Avoid personal identifiers.

4

COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE

1. Enter your Social Security number
2. Enter your birthdate
3. Enter your name exactly as it is listed on your social security card

Social Security matches are confirmed within 1 to 3 days. Errors can cause delays.

5

CHALLENGE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

There are four challenge questions and answers. Select the questions from drop down menus and provide your answers below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

6

VERIFY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS & MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

FSA will send an email with a code that must be entered to verify your email address. FSA will send a text message with a code used to verify your mobile phone number.

7

COMPLETE THE TWO-STEP VERIFICATION PROCESS

To verify the information used to create the FSA ID, you'll need to set up at least one verification method to utilize two-step verification. Use one of these options: SMS Text, Email or download an Authenticator app.

8

KEEP TRACK OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS

A backup code will be generated when you create your FSA ID account or when you enable two-step verification. The backup code lets you access your account if you can't use the two-step verification method. If it gets lost, log in to your account and select "Generate a New Backup Code" under "Two-Step Verification" in Settings. Contact Federal Student Aid at 1-800-4-FED-AID for assistance. Save your backup code here: _____

Military

- Visitation Days- 1 per semester (in place of a college day; must be completed BY MAY 1)
- Contact your counselor to start the paperwork at **least 7 school days in advance!**
- Completed paperwork must be returned to Student Services and approved 3 days in advance
- Must be passing all classes with a C or higher
- Not more than 3 unexcused absences in the quarter the visit is requested
- Must have parent consent (even if you are 18 or older)
- Military personal must sign form that you attended

What's Your E? Enrolled.Enlisted.Employed.

Established to recognize seniors who have been accepted to college, technical school, inducted or sworn into a branch of the military, or have been approved for early job placement or paid internship.

Be proud of your next step! Check out the wall across from the Main office to see last year's seniors posters!

Senior Recognition Night

Senior Recognition night will take place on May 15, 2025 this year. There will be more details to follow!

CT Certificate Guidelines

Senior Recognition Night

Certificate of Distinction: Awarded to students who have earned **ALL A's** in their Career Technical Program for semesters one and two of their level one year and semester one through quarter three of the level two year. Career Technical teacher verification of the student's mastery of skills in the career field is also required to earn this certificate.

Certificate of Accomplishment: A student may earn any combination of **A's and B's** averages in their Career Technical Program for semesters one and two of the level one year and semester one through quarter three of the level two year.

Certificate of Achievement: Earned with **any combination** of **A's, B's and C** averages in their Career Technical Program for semesters one and two of the level one year and semester one through quarter three of the level two year.

Certificate of Participation: is awarded to students who are enrolled but did not earn a certificate of Distinction, Accomplishment or Achievement.

Certificate of Merit: If a student only completes **one year of a two year program**, and earns any combination of A's, B's and C's.

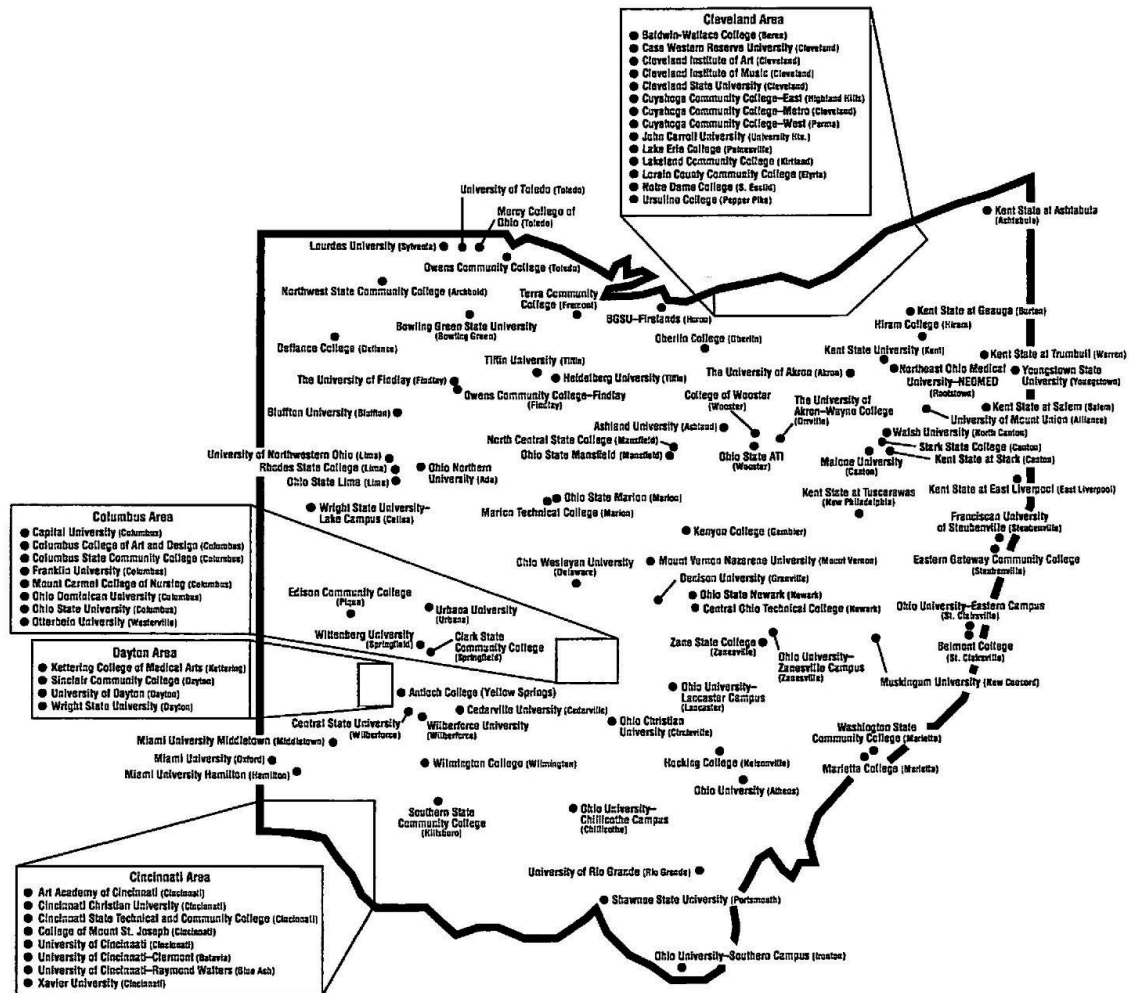
(Exceptions to the above standards will be dealt with on an individual basis)



College Comparison Worksheet

COLLEGE NAME			
Location —distance from home			
Size —enrollment —physical size of campus			
Environment —type of school (2- or 4-year) —school setting (urban, rural) —location & size of nearest city —co-ed, male, female —religious affiliation			
Admission Requirements —deadline —tests required —average test scores, GPA, rank —notification			
Academics —your major offered —special requirements —accreditation —student-faculty ratio —typical class size			
College Expenses —tuition, room and board —estimated total budget —application fee, deposits			
Financial Aid —deadline —required forms —percentage receiving aid —scholarships			
Housing —residence hall requirement —food plan			
Facilities —academic —recreational —other			
Activities —clubs, organizations —Greek life —athletics, intramurals —other			
Campus Visits —when —special opportunities			

Ohio Colleges and Universities



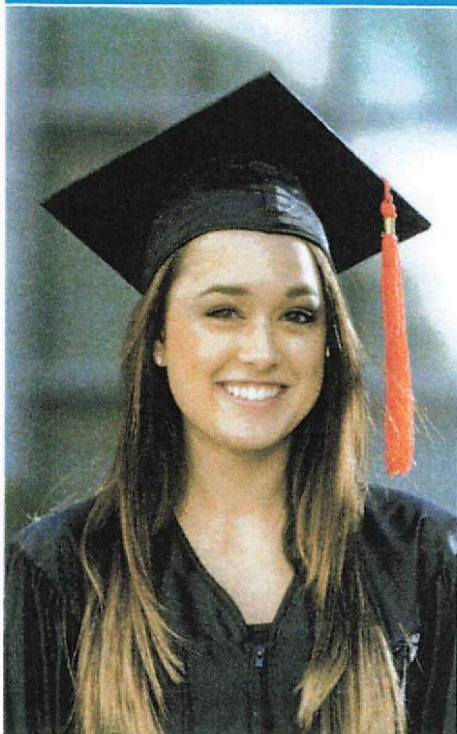
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Directory of Ohio Colleges and Universities

Code	Institution Name	Admissions	Website
4-Year Public Universities and Regional Campuses			
3240	Bowling Green State University.....	419.372.BGSU..	www.bgsu.edu
3246	BGSU-Fairlawn.....	419.433.5560	www.fairlawn.bgsu.edu
3248	Central State University.....	937.376.9348	www.centralstate.edu
3250	Cleveland State University.....	216.857.5411	www.cseohio.edu
3254	Kent State University.....	330.672.2444	www.kent.edu/admissions
3256	Kent State at Ashland.....	440.966.4217	www.ashland.kent.edu
3258	Kent State at East Liverpool.....	330.385.3905	www.eak.kent.edu
3262	Kent State at Geauga.....	440.834.4187	www.geauga.kent.edu
3264	Kent State at Salem.....	330.323.0361	www.salem.kent.edu
3266	Kent State at Stark.....	330.499.9600	www.stark.kent.edu
3268	Kent State at Tiffin.....	330.335.3391	www.tiffin.kent.edu
3270	Miami University.....	513.529.2531	www.usc.miamioh.edu
3272	Miami University Hamilton.....	513.785.3111	www.regionalismiamioh.edu
3274	Miami University Middletown.....	513.727.3216	www.regionalismiamioh.edu
3276	Northeast Ohio Medical University - NEOMED.....	800.666.2511	www.neomed.edu
3278	Ohio State University.....	614.292.3980	www.osu.edu
3280	Ohio State Lima.....	330.287.1327	www.alo.osu.edu
3282	Ohio State Marion.....	419.995.8391	http://ma.osu.edu
3284	Ohio State Mansfield.....	419.755.4317	www.mansfield.osu.edu
3286	Ohio State Newark.....	740.725.6242	www.nation.ohio-state.edu
3288	Ohio State Newkirk.....	740.366.9333	www.newark.osu.edu
3290	Ohio University.....	741.593.4100	www.uho.edu
3292	Ohio University-Eastern Campus.....	800.646.3331	www.ohio.edu/eastern
3294	Ohio University-Northern Campus.....	740.774.7240	www.chillicothe.ohio.edu
3296	Ohio University-Southern Campus.....	740.654.6711	www.ohio.edu/southern
3298	Ohio University-Southern Campus.....	740.533.4600	www.southern.ohio.edu
3300	Shawnee State University.....	740.588.1439	www.shawnee.edu
3302	The University of Akron.....	800.959.2778	www.uakron.edu
3304	The University of Akron-Wayne College.....	800.655.4884	www.wayne.uakron.edu
3306	University of Cincinnati.....	513.556.1100	www.admissions.uc.edu
3308	Univ. of Cincinnati-Clermont.....	513.732.5300	www.clcermont.edu
3310	Univ. of Cincinnati-Raymond Walters.....	513.453.5700	www.rwc.uc.edu
3312	University of Toledo.....	800.510.EDU	www.utledo.edu
3314	Wright State University.....	800.247.1170	www.wright.ed
3316	Wright State University-Lake Campus.....	419.586.0300	www.wright.edu/lake
3318	Youngstown State University.....	877.468.6978	www.yasu.edu
2-Year Public Institutions — Community Colleges			
3320	Cincinnati State Tech & Comm College.....	513.861.7700	www.cincinnati.state.edu
3322	Clermont State Community College.....	937.328.6028	www.clarksstate.edu
3324	Columbus State Community College.....	800.621.6407	www.cscoc.edu
3326	Cuyahoga Community College-East.....	800.954.8742	www.cc-c.edu
3328	Cuyahoga Community College-West.....	216.987.4200	www.hfc.edu
3330	Eastern Gateway Community College.....	274.264.5551	www.egcc.edu
3332	Lakeland Community College.....	937.778.7850	www.lakelandschool.edu
3334	Lorain County Community College.....	440.953.7100	www.lorainccc.edu
3336	Northwest State Community College.....	800.955.5222	www.nwstcc.edu
3338	Owens Community College.....	419.267.1320	www.northweststate.edu
3340	Owens Community College-Friday Campus.....	800.GO.OWENS * 3509	www.owens.edu
3342	Spartan Community College.....	800.315.3000	www.spartan.edu
3344	Southern State Community College.....	800.628.7722	www.sscoc.edu
3346	Terra Community College.....	866.ATTENHA	www.terra.edu
3348	Washington State Community College.....	740.374.8716	www.wscc.edu
Private Colleges and Universities			
3350	Anthon College.....	937.319.6082	www.anthoncollege.org
3352	Art Academy of Cincinnati.....	800.323.5892	www.artacademy.edu
3354	Ashland University.....	800.882.1548	www.ashland.edu
3356	Baldwin Wallace College.....	877.BW.APPLY	www.bw.edu/admission
3358	Bellarmine University.....	800.488.3257	www.bellarmine.edu
3360	Capital University.....	866.544.6175	www.capital.edu
3362	Casa Western Reserve University.....	216.368.4450	www.case.edu
3364	Cedarvale University.....	800.CEDARVILLE	www.cedarville.edu
3366	Cleveland Christian University.....	800.949.4228	www.ccu.edu
3368	Cleveland Institute of Art.....	216.421.7419	www.cia.edu
3370	Cleveland Institute of Music.....	216.795.3107	www.cim.edu
3372	College of Mount St. Joseph.....	800.865.9314	www.msjs.edu
3374	College of Mount St. Joseph.....	800.877.9855	www.moosier.edu
3376	Columbus Coll. of Art & Design.....	877.937.CCAD	www.ccad.edu
3378	Dalhousie University.....	419.783.2259	www.dalhousie.edu
3380	Framingham University.....	800.338.4766	www.framingham.edu
3382	Franklin University.....	800.783.8820	www.franciscan.edu
3384	Hartwick College.....	877.341.6300	www.hartkin.edu
3386	Hendrix College.....	800.484.3352	www.hendrix.edu
3388	Jean Carroll University.....	800.382.5280	www.jcu.edu
3390	Kempson College.....	216.387.4294	www.kempson.edu
3392	Kent State University.....	800.848.2464	www.kent.edu
3394	Kent State University.....	800	

ACADEMIC JOURNEY CHECKLIST



HIGH SCHOOL (12th GRADE)

Student Checklist

ALL YEAR

- ☒ Continue to take courses that challenge you and align with your career interests.
- ☒ Continue to take College Credit Plus courses to make your postsecondary pursuits more affordable.
- ☒ Stay involved in after-school activities and seek leadership roles.

FALL

- ☒ Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ☒ If college is your selected path, register and take college admissions tests (SAT, ACT).
- ☒ If career technical education is your selected path, research area technical centers to learn about programs of interest to you.
- ☒ Apply to the colleges/universities/technical centers of choice.
- ☒ Apply for scholarships.



SPRING

- ☒ Visit the colleges/universities/technical centers you're considering.
- ☒ Review acceptances and consider the financial aid offers and requirements to make an informed decision.
- ☒ Decide where you want to attend and notify that school of your commitment, and submit any required financial deposits.

Parent Checklist

- ☒ Continue to add to your child's College Advantage 529 Savings Plan.
- ☒ Help your child complete the FAFSA.
- ☒ Learn about student and parent loans.
- ☒ Take your child to visit the colleges/universities/technical centers being considered.
- ☒ Help your child create a schedule of deadlines for applications, scholarships, and other financial aid.

Senior Checklist

In no particular order

- ☐ Make and keep a folder for this material as well as any other college related information
- ☐ Share this information with your parents!
- ☐ Check your homeschool websites often for important dates and information
- ☐ Update your resumes
- ☐ Ask at least 2 people to write letters of recommendation for you (give them plenty of time to do this!) *teachers, coaches, employer, counselor, family friend...
- ☐ Make some decisions about your future -2 year college, 4 year college, military, work?
- ☐ Consider 2 or 3 colleges to visit and apply (1 reach school, 1 school you love, 1 school as a backup)
- ☐ Consider military options- make contact/commitment if interested
- ☐ Take the ACT at least once-check with your college about needing the writing section
- ☐ Look for a list of scholarships on your Counselor Corner Canvas page as well as home school website
- ☐ Look at career/scholarships/financial aid information from various websites

**** NEVER pay for any scholarship or financial aid services..these are FREE

- ☐ Request your FSA ID
- ☐ Fill out the FAFSA. NEW date of December 2024 for the 2025-2026 school year
- ☐ Apply to colleges (set a deadline of Dec 1 to have your applications in to ensure you get the most scholarship money)
- ☐ Make deposit to college by May 1
- ☐ After you make you deposit: check for housing information, testing requirements, scheduling, orientation, and coach contacts
- ☐ If college/ military are not in your plans for next year, make employment plans!