



JOHN HAY FOOTBALL COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE



MONTH	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete OCIS Career Assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a meeting with your Guidance Counselor to prepare for success. <input type="checkbox"/> Understand core curriculum to meet NCAA requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete OCIS Career Assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a meeting with your Guidance Counselor to check transcript and make sure you are on track to meet NCAA requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete OCIS Career Assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in Kaplan ACT Prep Class. <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a meeting with your Guidance Counselor to check transcript and make sure you are on track to meet NCAA requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain college recommendation letters from the 2 teachers and 1 community member. <input type="checkbox"/> Have college essays proofread and edited. <input type="checkbox"/> Make "Early Decision" preparations. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to visit colleges.
Sept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management /study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management /study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Create a ACT / SAT testing schedule and preparation strategy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Official college FB visits. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize college essays <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and send college applications.
Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take PSAT. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.3 or higher. If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take PSAT. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.2 or higher. If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to track your academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.1 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Guidance Counselor. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and send college applications. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.0 or higher. o <i>Official college FB visits.</i>
Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss a college savings plan with your parent / guardian. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Complete FB highlight film and choose 2 best games. Talk with coach about who you want to send film to.</i> o <i>Post highlights on ScoutingOhio.com and Youtube.</i> o <i>Register for Nike SPARQ Combine.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Naviance College Search - Identify 10 colleges to apply to and visit. o <i>Complete FB highlight film and choose 2 best games. Talk with coach about who you want to send film to.</i> o <i>Post highlights on ScoutingOhio.com and Youtube.</i> o <i>Register for Nike SPARQ Combine.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and send college applications. o <i>Complete FB highlight film and choose 2 best games. Talk with coach about who you want to send film to.</i> o <i>Post highlights on ScoutingOhio.com and Youtube.</i> o <i>Official college FB visits.</i>
Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow a career during break. <input type="checkbox"/> Join a community service organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow a career during break. <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for community service organizations. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider taking on official leadership roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for Feb ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate / apply for Summer Internships. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue community service organization work and leadership roles. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Official college FB visits.</i>
Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.3 or higher. If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Download and use ACT / SAT Test Prep Apps. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with Guidance Counselor to track your current progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate / apply for Summer Internships. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for March SAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete FAFSA. <input type="checkbox"/> Send mid-year transcripts to colleges you applied to.
Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for Minds Matter Test Prep program. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to track your academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Nike SPARQ Combine.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to track your academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for April ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate / Apply for Summer Internships. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to narrow down your college choices and discuss with your family. o <i>Nike SPARQ Combine.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>National College FB Signing Day</i>

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Mar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow a career during break. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore summer enrichment programs. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.3 or higher. If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow a career during break. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.2 or higher. If needed, get tutors and/or help with time management / study skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT <input type="checkbox"/> Register for May SAT subject tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Jr. FB Day at Colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate / Apply for Summer Internships. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a plan to begin visiting colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Examine your family's finances and gather information about financial aid from colleges of interest. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.1 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Compare colleges you were accepted to and their financial aid packages.
Apr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PLAN (ACT) Test. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PLAN (ACT) Test. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Fair. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for June SAT subject tests in classes you are taking (while the material is fresh). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for June ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for June SAT or SAT subject tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend College Fair. <input type="checkbox"/> Start a scholarship search and check with College Now and your Guidance Counselor. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Jr. FB Day at Colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Go on college visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for May AP tests and Final Exams
May		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin creating a college resume. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore getting a summer job. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take SAT subject tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Go on college visits. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask 2 teachers and 1 community member for college recommendation letters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> May 1 - College Signing Deadline <input type="checkbox"/> Complete enrollment paperwork for the college you will attend. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate if the college offers a "Bridge Program."
Jun.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer for community service organizations. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.3 or higher. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get a summer job <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.2 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete NCAA Clearinghouse Registration. <input type="checkbox"/> Take ACT - 22 minimum score. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college FB camps. <input type="checkbox"/> Go on college visits. <input type="checkbox"/> Have Guidance Counselor send official transcript to NCAA Eligibility Center. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin summer internship. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Unweighted</u> GPA: 3.1 or higher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate High School! <input type="checkbox"/> Begin making preparations for 1st semester at college.
Jul.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow 2 careers during summer break. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shadow 2 careers during summer break. <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate best colleges in your careers of interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin drafts of College Essay. <input type="checkbox"/> Organize all the needed financial information for college. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college FB camps. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for September ACT (if necessary). <input type="checkbox"/> Go on college visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue making preparations for 1st semester at college. <input type="checkbox"/> Reach out and communicate with college roommate. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin writing and sending "Thank You" notes to significant adults – teachers, administrators, family members, etc., who made an impact in your life as you begin your journey to college.

For more information on college planning, go to the following websites:

www.actstudent.org/college/checklist/

bigfuture.collegeboard.org

www.petersons.com/college-search/planning-list-students-parents.aspx