

TIMELINE

6th Grade	7 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Create your Map Your Future Student Portfolio.▪ Create your Map Your Future Student Academic Plan.▪ Set up an OhioMeansJobs K-12 account by the end of sixth grade (or through another online tool offered by your school).▪ Complete a learning style survey.▪ Complete the Career Cluster Inventory or career interest survey on OhioMeansJobsK-12.▪ Document your reflection of career exploration activities completed (i.e., field trips, career speakers, job shadows) and keep in portfolio.▪ Begin your Career Pathway Goals – considering how your interests may influence your long-term goals.▪ Explore electives available in seventh grade and identify options to explore interests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Review and update your Map Your Future Student Portfolio.▪ Update your 6-Year Academic Plan and document your class schedule.▪ Explore electives and courses available in eighth grade and identify options to explore interests.▪ Explore courses offered in eighth grade for high school credit.▪ Challenge yourself by taking the most challenging courses you can.▪ Review your OhioMeansJobs K-12 account to update your information and continue planning.▪ Complete Career Cluster Inventory or career interest survey (if not already completed) on OMJ.▪ Review and update your Career Pathway Goals – considering how your interests may influence your long-term goals.

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8th Grade

- Review your Map Your Future Student Portfolio.
- Review your Map Your Future 6-Year Plan and document your class schedule using your career pathway as a guide for choosing classes.
- Explore electives and courses available in ninth grade and identify options to explore your interests and expand strengths/skills.
- Challenge yourself by taking the most challenging courses you can. For some, this may be taking high school courses in subjects like math and foreign languages.
- Build a solid base for both academics and extracurricular activities-what you do in high school directly impacts where you can go to college or your job opportunities.
- Review your OhioMeansJobs K-12 account to update your information and continue planning.
- Complete Career Cluster Inventory or career interest survey (if not already completed) on OMJ.
- Complete a strengths/skills inventory or reflect upon experiences you've been involved in when you felt accomplished and successful. Then, identify the skills you needed and that you enjoyed. If you need help getting started, ask a Map Your Future Mentor, your teacher or school counselor.
- Document your reflection of career exploration activities completed (i.e., field trips, career speakers, job shadowing) in your portfolio.
- Review and update your Academic and Career Pathways – consider how your interests and strengths may influence your long-term goals and how you can begin preparing now for your career goals by completing related education requirements.

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9th Grade

- Review your Map Your Future Student Portfolio. Keep it up-to-date.
- Review your 6-Year Academic Plan and document your class schedule by aligning your career or college pathway with class options.
- Explore rigorous courses and electives available in 10th grade and identify options to explore interests and expand strengths/skills.
- Think two years ahead-what do you want to be doing in your junior year?
- Take your PE requirement to ensure it won't be an obstacle later.
- If you have not already, complete Algebra I.
- Take the practice PSAT, PLAN/ACT, WorkKeys, and ASVAB, if you plan on taking the actual tests later. This will help you be more comfortable with the tests when you do take them later.
- Explore extracurricular and community organizations open to you. Search out leadership opportunities in the organizations you join.
- Volunteer! Be sure to track your hours. Some schools require community service and the information can also be helpful for job resumes and college applications (www.Volunteerrosscounty.org).
- Check out the requirements of honorary groups and recognitions such as National Honor Society, BETA, and Honor's Diploma.
- Find out how your school computes grade point averages (GPA's) and class ranks. College admissions rely strongly on the first three years of high school.
- Consider sources for future recommendations for jobs or college applications.
- Review your OhioMeansJobs K-12 account to update your information and continue planning.
- Document your reflection of career exploration activities completed (i.e., field trips, career speakers, job shadows, internships, community service and service learning).
- Explore programs available at your school where you can earn credentials or certificates during high school.
- Review and update your Academic and Career Pathways – consider how your interests and strengths may influence your long-term goals and how you can begin preparing now for your career goals by completing related education requirements.

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10th Grade

- Review your Student Portfolio. Keep it up-to-date.
- Review your OhioMeansJobs K-12 account and/or Naviance account to update your information and continue planning.
- Refer back to your 6-Year Academic Plan to ensure you are taking the right classes at the right time.
- Explore rigorous courses (Honors/AP/CCP) and electives available in eleventh grade and identify options to explore your interests and expand strengths/skills. The choices you make now affect the choices you will have in the future.
- Check your GPA-is it where you want it to be? If not, do what you need to do to change it.
- Complete Algebra II and/or Geometry.
- Take the PSAT, PLAN/ACT, WorkKeys, and ASVAB, if applicable. If you took a practice test before, compare your results to see if any areas need additional study.
- Prepare for the ACT and SAT. Decide when you are going to take the exam(s) and plan your study time accordingly.
- Research colleges and their admissions criteria (i.e. GPA, entrance exams scores, essay and interview). Consider what colleges you want to visit over the next two years.
- Begin an initial draft of your resume and cover letter (refer to documents in your student portfolio). You can use this later to update and submit for a job, college or a scholarship.
- Document your reflection of career exploration activities completed (i.e., field trips, career speakers, job shadowing, internships, community service).
- Review and update your Academic and Career Pathways – consider how your interests and strengths may influence your long-term goals and how you can continue preparing now for your career goals.
- Get your driver’s license. Many local employers report this is a requirement for employment.
- Think about which teachers or mentors you would like to request a letter of resume from for job or college applications. Pick someone who knows you well and can write about your most positive qualities.
- Seek out and join extracurricular activities that you are interested in.

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11th Grade

- Review your Student Portfolio and your OhioMeansJobs or Naviance accounts. Keep them up-to-date.
- Review your 6-Year Academic Plan and document your class schedule by aligning your career or college pathway with class options.
- Explore rigorous courses and electives available in 12th grade and finalize your course options.
- Continue to take the most rigorous math classes you can handle.
- Continue to check out college websites. Begin to request college brochures and catalogs to gather more information.
- Visit colleges in person, or online through virtual tours. Most high schools offer excused absences for college visits.
- Plan for your college applications to be sent by October of your senior year. Understand early action/early decision and regular decision deadlines. Many colleges give scholarship and financial aid packets that require students to apply early to be eligible for.
- Request financial aid information from the colleges you are considering.
- Research scholarships, grants and their respective deadlines. Explore these now so you will be ready to apply for those which you qualify for during early senior year.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT, ACT/PLAN, WorkKeys , ASVAB, if applicable.
- Take the SAT and ACT early to allow you enough time to retake the exam(s), if necessary.
- Update the draft of your resume and cover letter with any new experiences or accomplishments.
- Draft your college application essay. Make sure to highlight those experiences that make you special.
- Continue to volunteer and track your hours.
- Check out the requirements of honorary groups and recognitions such as National Honor Society, BETA, and Honor's Diploma.
- Find out how your school computes grade point averages (GPA's) and class ranks. Many scholarships and internship opportunities set specific requirements for one or both of these so it is important to understand how they are determined.
- Before summer break, contact those teachers you will be asking for letters of recommendation from.
- Continue to seek out and join extracurricular activities that interest you and consider leadership positions in these groups if you feel capable.
- Save any sample work in your portfolio that you have received high marks that map help an employer or college understand who you are as a person.
- If interested in a military academy, start an account with the academy no later than January of junior year.

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College Pathway

Summer/Early Fall

- You've gotten this far-don't let deadlines trip you up now!
- When you turn 18, register to vote and if male, for the Selective Service.
- Review your Student Portfolio and 6-Year Plan ensuring that it includes all of the documentations collected through high school, exemplary works, essays, your resume and other components necessary to support your plans after high school.
- Review and update your OhioMeansJobs account. Keep it up-to-date and planned.
- Meet with your counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation
- Request transcripts early.
- Update and add to your resume. Finalize it after asking a teacher, mentor or counselor to review it.
- Check your GPA and determine class rank.
- Get letters of recommendation from your teachers for college or workplace.
- If interested in the military, contact a recruiter and discuss options.

12th Grade

Summer/Early Fall

- Are any college-specific admission tests, auditions or portfolio submissions required? If so, collect all the needed material or make needed appointments.
- If you are not satisfied with your SAT or ACT scores, there is one more chance now.
- Check when financial aid applications are due.
- Finalize your college application essay.
- Complete and send applications to your first choice colleges.
- Do any of your colleges require an interview? If so, schedule the interview and then prepare with practice interviews. Make sure to highlight unique experiences.
- Remember that most early action and early decision deadlines for college are around November 1. If you know where you want to go to school, you should strongly consider these deadlines.

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Fall/Winter

- Complete and send applications to your second choice colleges.
- Talk about Work Study options with colleges.
- If interested, ask about ROTC programs and apply early for scholarships.
- Take your 1st semester seriously. Colleges will want transcripts of your fall and spring semester grades.
- Set up a meeting with your counselor to check your senior plans.
- Pay any outstanding school fees. Outstanding payments can hold up transcript or record requests.
- Have your parents file their income tax early (Jan/Feb) so all the needed information is available to complete the FAFSA.
- Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- Get on the waiting list for college housing. Make deposits.
- Send official transcripts and GPA to colleges after ensuring their accuracy.
- Watch for scholarship deadlines. Apply for scholarships and grants.

Spring

- Continue to watch for scholarship deadlines. Continue to apply for scholarships and grants.
- You must be accepted into college by this time in order to be considered for financial aid.
- Consider financial aid offers. Ask if any other assistance is available if the costs are still too high-there may be additional options available.
- Notify colleges of your decision to attend or not to attend their campus.
- Does your college require you to have a laptop? Check college requirements and computer compatibility to make sure you get what you need.
- Register for any needed college summer camps, such as ROTC, sports or band.

Summer

- Prepare for your college freshman year.
- Congratulate yourself on all of your hard work!

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Career Pathway

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Summer/Early Fall

- You've gotten this far-don't let deadlines trip you up now!
- When you turn 18, register to vote and if male, for the Selective Service.
- Review your Student Portfolio and 6-Year Plan ensuring that it includes all of the documentations collected through high school, exemplary works, essays, your resume and other components necessary to support your plans after high school.
- Review and update your OhioMeansJobs account. Keep it up-to-date and organized.
- Meet with your counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation.
- Request transcripts early.
- Update and add to your resume. Finalize it after asking a teacher, mentor or counselor to review it.
- Check your GPA and determine class rank.
- Get letters of recommendation from your teachers for college or workplace.
- If interested in the military, contact a recruiter and discuss options.
- Take WorkKeys Test again if necessary.
- Begin scheduling interviews, then prepare with practice interviews.
- Make sure you have a professional outfit to dress in for the interview.
- Search the Southern Ohio Means Jobs site for available positions in the field you are interested in.
- Consider if careers and jobs you are interested in require advanced certificate of schooling. If so, apply.

Summer/Early Fall

- Take WorkKeys Test again if necessary.
- Begin scheduling interviews, then prepare with practice interviews.
- Make sure you have a professional outfit to dress in for the interview.
- Search the South Central Ohio Job Bank site and the OhioMeansJobs site for available positions in the field you are interested in.
- Consider if careers and jobs you are interested in require advanced certificate of schooling. If so, apply.

Fall/Winter

- Take your 1st semester exams seriously. Businesses may want transcripts of your grades.
- Set up a second meeting with your counselor to check your senior plans.
- Pay any outstanding school fees. The school will hold your report cards during the second semester and graduation privileges will be affected.
- Continue looking at employment options. Contact potential employers.
- Continue exploring advanced certification in your field of interest. Prepare for advanced schooling/ higher education, if necessary.

Spring/Summer

- Continue your job search and updating your OhioMeansJobs account.
- Conduct interviews with employers.
- Congratulate yourself on all of your hard work.