



COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING

GRADE 9

This year begins your official high school record. Your grades will be recorded on the cumulative record card/transcript, and you will begin accumulating your GPA (grade point average). Take the PreACT 8/9 test during college readiness day and review your results. Get to know your advisor and counselor and let them get to know you. Do as well as you can academically and seek assistance. It is difficult to improve GPA if you let it drop. Consider any Career Tech elective courses to take and participate in extracurricular activities that interest you.

GRADE 10

Continue working with your advisor and counselor, communicate frequently. Work hard at your academics and continue to build your GPA, seeking assistance whenever needed. Take the PreACT test during college readiness day and review your results. Continue your involvement in extracurricular activities. Research career areas related to your interests through sophomore career classes. Consider any Career/Technical Education programs as a route to your goal.

GRADE 11

Communication with your advisor and counselor becomes more important in the second half of your high school experience. Continue your involvement in extracurricular activities. Work hard at giving a solid academic performance. Eleventh grade is particularly important so make your best effort.

- Take the PreACT during college readiness day and review your results
- Listen for announcements and sign up to take the PSAT in October when it is offered.
- Continue your career research and begin matching your interests with career possibilities.
- Begin or continue your college research.
- Send for additional literature regarding your interests (college, career, employment).
- Schedule yourself to take the SAT or ACT and have scores sent to colleges of interest.
- Take part in all special programs developed by the guidance department such as College and Career Readiness Night and College Credit Plus Parent Meeting.
- Work on Career Passport activities in your English classes.

SUMMER BETWEEN 11-12

Plan to visit colleges you have identified through your college research. Schedule interviews with admissions representatives to learn more about specific college requirements. Pursue job opportunities to establish a work record and to save money for college and work.

GRADE 12

Continue communication with your advisor and counselor. Maintain a solid, quality, academic program. Colleges are interested in your progress in your final year of high school. They consider 7th semester grades (first half of your senior year) when processing your application for admission, but continue to build your GPA through the 8th semester. Acceptance for admission at most colleges is temporary, pending receipt of your final grades.

- Complete college visits early in your senior year.
- Attend and participate in the scheduled FHS College & Career Readiness Day/Night activities.
- Pay close attention to the announcements from your guidance office.
- Prepare applications and get them to your counselor by mid-November. Adhere to deadlines. Beware of early application deadlines, especially applications to special programs. Be aware that two-year agricultural and technical schools accept students on a first come-first served basis as long as they meet minimum entrance requirements.
- Take the ACT/SAT again.
- Fill out the FAFSA form (Financial Aid Form) after October 1.
- Ask your college or university choices about credit awarded for Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate testing and about transferring dual enrollment credits.
- Inform your counselor when you have made a decision as to what you will do after graduation (attend a particular college, accept a job, enter the military, etc.).
- If you are not interested in college, plan for employment opportunities with your counselor. Visit local and state employment agencies.
- Complete your Career Passport for graduation including your resume, employability skills, references, and other accomplishments relating to your career or college plans.
- If you are interested in the military, visit and meet with your local military recruiters about school and career opportunities.
- Check with your counselor regularly. Graduate and feel comfortable about your plans because you know you have put effort into the decision making process!

OHIO COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Today colleges are placing the burden on the student to prove to the admissions officers that he/she is the kind of student the college is seeking. The most compelling proof a student can give is a set of good grades. Another factor is the student's performance on college entrance examinations. Other requirements include strength of curriculum, maturity and stability, creative ability in some field, capacity for leadership, a sense of responsibility, and breadth and strength of intellectual curiosity. In addition, a short list of Ohio colleges and their average GPA and ACT requirements is contained in the table below

OHIO COLLEGE ADMISSION INFORMATION		
University	Average GPA	Average ACT
Bowling Green	3.6	20 - 26
Kent State	3.45	20 - 26
Miami of Ohio	3.52	24 - 30
Ohio University	3.59	21 - 26
Ohio State	3.6	28 - 32
Toledo	3.54	20 - 26
Akron	3.5	19 - 26
Cincinnati	3.7	23 - 29
Dayton	3.73	23 - 29
Wright State	3.47	18 - 25
Xavier	3.7	22 - 28

FUTURE READINESS CURRICULUM

As part of the Kettering City Schools effort to ensure that all students are future ready after high school, a specific curriculum has been designed for Kettering students. Starting in grade 7, students begin an exploration program of careers through various activities utilizing the Ohio Career Information Systems (OCIS). In grades 8 & 9 students are administered the PreACT 8/9 test. Additionally, middle school counselors have designed specific college and career activities as part of high school scheduling activities. The PreACT test is given during a student's sophomore and junior year to help prepare them for the ACT. An optional PSAT is available for all students grades 10 and 11. During the junior year students will begin their Career Passport activities with their English teacher. Juniors also have the opportunity to choose from 17 Career Tech programs available for college credit. A student's senior year culminates in the completion of the Career Passport, which they will receive along with their high school diploma at graduation.

ACT and SAT Testing

In addition to College & Career Readiness Day, Fairmont High School also provides Saturday administrations of the ACT and SAT college entrance tests. Dates and registration deadlines can be found on ACT and SAT websites.

COLLEGE PREPARATORY REQUIREMENTS

With the great diversity that now exists in colleges and universities across the country, it is not possible to recommend one standard college preparation program for all students. The majority of courses at Fairmont High School are at the college prep level or above, with curriculum focused on preparing students for entry into college. Below are the suggested **minimum** college entrance requirements a student planning to enter college should earn credits upon graduation from Fairmont High School:

Language Arts	4 credits
Mathematics	4 credits
Science	3 credits
Social Studies	3 credits
World Languages*	2 credits
Fine Arts**	1 credit

*Two to three years of the same language may be required by some colleges and universities for admission.

**Fine Arts are defined as the curricular areas consisting of the visual arts, music, and theatre. Fairmont classes offered through the Art Department, Music Department, and Theatre classes through the English Department will fulfill a student's one credit in Fine Arts requirement. A Muse Machine Fine Arts Independent Study is also offered for juniors and seniors.

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