

Collegiate Academy



INFORMATION SESSION

Welcome!

PRESENTER

Dr. Norman Francis, Jr.

Principal

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Mrs. Jackie Ritter

School Counselor

Building Administration

Dr. Norman Francis
Principal

Dr. Lisa Ramirez
Assistant Principal

Directors & Supervisors

Mrs. Schiano - Humanities
Supervisor

Mr. Salmon - S.T.E.M. Supervisor

Mrs. Gerckens - Director of School
Counseling Services

Mr. Lepski - Director of Athletics &
Supervisor of Health and Physical
Education



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**WE OFFER A RIGOROUS,
ACCELERATED, COMPREHENSIVE
EXPERIENCE FOR THE ADVANCED
AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED
SCHOLAR!**

"Failure is an
opportunity to grow"

GROWTH MINDSET

"I can learn to do anything I want"

"Challenges help me to grow"

"My effort and attitude
determine my abilities"

"Feedback is constructive"

"I am inspired by the success of others"

"I like to try
new things"

"Failure is the
limit of my abilities"

FIXED MINDSET

"I'm either good at it or I'm not"

"My abilities are unchanging"

"I don't like
to be challenged"

"I can either do it,
or I can't"

"My potential is predetermined"

"When I'm frustrated,
I give up"

"Feedback and criticism
are personal"

"I stick to what I know"

Typical DCA Freshmen Courses

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ENGLISH

AP Seminar - ELA

SCIENCE

Biology Honors

SOCIAL STUDIES

World History Honors

MATHEMATICS

Honors Math

Algebra 2 or Geometry

WORLD LANGUAGES

Level 2 Foreign Language

Spanish or French

ELECTIVES

Intro to Java / Intro to Economics

WELLNESS

Physical Education / Health

Sophomore Pathway Choices

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HUMANITIES FOCUS

AP Art History

STEM FOCUS

AP Computer Science (A) Java

Rigor & Support

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RIGOR

- Minimum AP Course Requirement (8)
- AP Seminar
- Senior Seminar

SUPPORT

- **Counseling Department**
Dedicated counselor (Mrs. Ritter)
- **Periodic DCA Cohort Meetings**

SUMMER PROGRAM — DATES TBA

Summer Program Aims

- Get to know your cohort peers
- Get to know teachers and counselors
- Summer Assignments
- Executive functioning strategies

Application Process

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PHASE I

Initial Consideration

Deadline: November 24, 2026 (Choice)

January 8, 2027 (In-District)

- Parental commitment
- Student application & questionnaire
- Transcripts for grades 6 and 7 (directly from school)
- Student Progress Report – Grade 8 Q1
- Standardized test scores from 6th, 7th, and/or 8th grade (if available)
- Two academic references (no relatives) sent to Dr. Francis
- Supplemental test scores/materials (PSAT, Terranova, etc.)

PHASE II

Invited Candidates

Selected applicants from Phase I will be invited to participate.

- Morning session at Jonathan Dayton High School (**Date TBD**)
- Complete a written assessment based on a specific prompt (~1 hour)

Application Process (Cont.)

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PHASE III

Final Selection

Admissions Committee Review & Decision

- All submitted materials and assessments will be considered by the Admissions Committee for final selection.
- Applicants will then be accepted, declined, or placed on a waiting list.

REQUIREMENTS & INFO

Key Reminders

Important guidelines for applicants & parents

- Note that email is the main form of communication for the application process. Ensure the appropriate email addresses on the application are correct, and send any questions you have via email as well.
- Parents must complete the Release of Records form in the application packet and return it with the candidate's application.

Evaluation and Selection

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ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Committee Considerations

Key criteria evaluated by the selection committee during the admissions process:

- **Grades**
- **Standardized test results**
- **Written assessment**
- **Extracurricular & Cocurricular Activities:** Demonstrated connection to their school and community.
- **Recommendations**



JONATHAN DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL

The Comprehensive High School Experience!

Educational excellence, rigorous instruction, and vibrant student life

- Jonathan Dayton High School provides educational excellence defined by student engagement in rigorous instruction and a commitment to co-curricular activities. It features numerous extracurricular and club activities to enrich student life!





ELECTIVE COURSE OFFERINGS

Discover specialized pathways, creative arts, and academic enrichment options

Visual & Performing Arts

- Animation
- Ceramics
- Chorale
- Concert Band
- Drama & Dance
- Drawing & Painting
- Graphic Design
- Music Production
- Photography
- TV & Radio Production

STEM & Technology

- Computer Science
- Cyber Security
- Engineering
- Forensics
- Oceanography

Social Sciences

- African American Studies
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Global Studies
- Psychology
- Sociology

Business & Life Skills

- Baking
- Business
- Culinary Arts
- Journalism
- Yoga



ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) COURSES

Rigorous college-level coursework and academic acceleration

Math & Computer Science

- Calculus
- Computer Science
- Computer Science Principles
- Cybersecurity
- Pre-Calculus
- Statistics

Natural Sciences

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Physics

Social Sciences

- African American History
- American Government & Politics
- Business & Personal Finance
- European History
- Macroeconomics
- Psychology
- US History

Arts & Humanities

- Art & Design
- English Language
- English Literature
- French
- Music Theory
- Seminar
- Spanish
- Studio Art

ALL STUDENT AP EXAMS ARE PAID FOR BY THE DISTRICT

AP Performance Schoolwide Summary - Over 5 Years

★ JDHS Students Achieving at Highest Levels!

Metric	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026 ★
Total AP Students	181	210	194	210	217
Number of Exams	362	451	448	464	473
AP Students with Scores 3+	115	129	146	151	154
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	63.54%	61.43%	75.26%	71.90%	70.97%





DUAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

College credit for approved high school courses

Seton Hall University



Project Acceleration

- Earn transferable college credits directly in high school
- Enrich academic profile for college applications
- Approved high school course pathways

Kean University



Holocaust & Genocide Course

- Specialized college-level social studies curriculum
- In-depth historical analysis and human rights studies
- Earn dual high school and university credit

Fairleigh Dickinson University



**FAIRLEIGH
DICKINSON
UNIVERSITY**

Middle College Program

- Accredited university course offerings
- Rigorous preparation for college expectations
- Accelerate degree completion and college readiness



DAYTON CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Explore student life, extracurricular activities, and leadership opportunities

High School (A – L)

- Alternatives Club
- Art Club
- Book Club
- Chess Club
- Christian Student Union
- Civic Leaders of America (CLA)
- Concert Band
- Environment Club
- Fall Drama
- Future Business Leaders (FBLA)
- Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA)
- Jewish Student Union
- Literary Magazine

High School (M – Y)

- Make our School Safe (M.O.S.S.)
- Marching Band
- Math Club
- Medical Careers Club
- Mock Trial Team
- Model UN
- Music Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Peer Leadership
- Quiz Bowl
- School Newspaper
- Spring Musical
- STEM Club
- Student Council

Bulldogs Get Involved!

Find your passion and make an impact today.

25+ Active Clubs

Academic, Creative & Service

Leadership Roles

Build skills for college & beyond

Have Questions?

Contact your Counselor, or the Dayton
main office: 973.376.1025



DAYTON ATHLETICS

Interscholastic Sports & Athletic Offerings

Fall Sports

- **Football**
Varsity & Frosh
- **Boys Soccer**
Varsity, JV & Frosh
- **Girls Soccer**
Varsity & JV
- **Cross Country**
Boys & Girls, Varsity
- **Volleyball**
Varsity & JV
- **Gymnastics**
Varsity
- **Cheerleading**
Varsity
- **Girls Tennis**
Varsity & JV

Winter Sports

- **Boys Basketball**
Varsity, JV & Frosh
- **Girls Basketball**
Varsity, JV & Frosh
- **Indoor Track & Field**
Boys & Girls Varsity
- **Swimming**
Varsity
- **Ice Hockey**
Varsity
- **Cheerleading**
Varsity & JV
- **Bowling**
Varsity
- **Wrestling**

Spring Sports

- **Baseball**
Varsity & JV
- **Softball**
Varsity & JV
- **Girls Spring Track**
Varsity & JV
- **Boys Spring Track**
Varsity & JV
- **Boys Tennis**
Varsity & JV
- **Golf**
Varsity
- **Girls Lacrosse**
JV
- **Boys Lacrosse**
Varsity & JV

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Official Announcement

APPLICATION IS POSTED ON THE JDHS WEBSITE

Choice Applications

Available Choice Seats: 8

APPLICATION DUE DATE

November 24th

In-District Applications

Springfield District Residents

APPLICATION DUE DATE

January 8th

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