POST-GRADUATION GUIDE - 2026–2027

Graduation Credit Check – 22 required for graduation.

English 4 credits	**Math** 4 credits	**Social Studies** 3 credits
Science 3 credits	**Financial Literacy** .5 credits	**Health** .5 credits
P.E. .5 credits*	**Fine Art** 1 credit**	**Electives** 5.5 credits

* Two seasons of an interscholastic sport OR two seasons of Marching Band exempts a student from the P.E. requirement.

** Career-Tech pathway students are exempt from the Fine Art requirement.

View your unofficial transcript: Schoolinks Click the Student icon → Records Requests → Download Unofficial Transcript.

Post-High-School Plans

The goal is for every GlenOak graduate to transition to a post-secondary outcome suited to their skills, talents, interests, and goals.

College: 4-year college, 2-year college, or certificate program.

Military: Service, training, education benefits, and career opportunities.

Trade Apprenticeship: Paid training and hands-on learning in a skilled trade.

Workforce: Begin a career and use employment resources to build job-ready skills.

Explore Your Options in Schoolinks

Career assessments: Explore icon → Assessments.
Counselor appointments: Email your school counselor or use the Google Calendar booking link on the GlenOak Counseling Department website.

Applying to College

Begin early in the fall of senior year to stay ahead of application deadlines and scholarship and financial-aid opportunities.

College Application Process

1. Gather the colleges you are interested in and make a list of application deadlines.
2. Apply through the Common Application when applicable, or apply directly through the college or university.
3. Request transcripts and letters of recommendation through SchooLinks.
4. Submit ACT or SAT scores if applicable. Test policies vary by college. Students are responsible for requesting score reports; some colleges accept unofficial score reports from the counseling office.

Linking College Applications to Schoolinks

1. Log in using Clever Single Sign-On (SSO). Complete the required career-interest survey the first time you log in.
2. Select Colleges → College Applications.
3. Complete the brag sheet under Recommendation Tracker if you are requesting recommendations.
4. Complete Application Set Up: personal profile, fee-waiver eligibility, and FERPA Waiver.
5. Add colleges in College Application Manager.

Common Application: Select Connect under the Common Application logo and follow the prompts.

Direct application: Select + Add Application, search for and select the college, and save the application.

6. Transcripts and counselor evaluations are automatically requested when colleges are added.
7. Teacher recommendation: select the pencil icon next to the college → Request Teacher Recommendation → select the teacher → Add Recommender. The teacher receives an email and uploads/submits electronically.

Application Fee Waivers

Students who qualify for free or reduced school fees can request college application fee waivers through the App Fee Waiver section in SchooLinks.

ACT and SAT

Take the ACT or SAT well in advance of your deadline if you plan to submit scores. Registration is usually about one month before the test date. Many colleges are still test-optional. Verify the current policy for every college. Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch or school fees may be eligible for a test fee waiver. Contact your counselor.

ACT: act.org | SAT: collegeboard.org/sat

Financial Aid: FAFSA

Step 1: The student and at least one parent or guardian should request an FSA ID.

Step 2: Beginning in December, current seniors can complete the FAFSA.

FSA ID: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

FAFSA: studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Scholarships

Local scholarships are posted in Schoolinks beginning in late fall through early spring. Go to Dashboard → Finances → Scholarship Matching and complete your profile.

Campus Visits

Seniors may take three excused absences for campus visits. Notify the academy secretary before the visit. After the visit, bring verification from the university and submit it to the secretary.

College Athletic Eligibility

Students planning to compete in Division I or Division II college athletics must complete NCAA or NAIA certification/application requirements.

NCAA: ncaa.org | NAIA: play.mynaia.org

QuestBridge

QuestBridge connects high-achieving students from lower-income families with highly selective colleges and universities through the National College Match.

The guide lists a household-income guideline of less than $65,000 and notes that applications are due in late September.

questbridge.org

Enlisting in the Military

The military can provide a structured path to employment, training, education, and service. Benefits may include:

• A guaranteed paycheck and possible cash bonuses.

• Education benefits.

• Advanced and specialty training.

• Travel and opportunities to experience different locations.

• Tax-free room and board and other allowances.

• Health and dental care.

• Special home-loan benefits and discounts.

• Job skills, leadership development, and technical training.

First Step: Talk With a Local Recruiter

Army: 4933 Whipple Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44718 • (330) 493-3320
Navy: 4933 Whipple Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44718 • (330) 493-3320
Marines: 4933 Whipple Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44718 • (330) 492-1170
Air Force: 4329 Whipple Avenue NW, Canton, Ohio 44718 • (330) 492-2931
National Guard: 5999 West Airport Drive, North Canton, Ohio 44720 • (330) 690-5619
Coast Guard: 3470 Westgate, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126 • (216) 812-7090

Trades & Workforce

Trade Apprenticeships

Trade apprenticeships allow students to earn a paycheck and benefits while learning a skilled trade from experienced journeymen.This can be an excellent option for students who do not want a traditional two- or four-year college experience but do want in-demand skills and the potential for a strong income. The guide notes an average yearly salary of approximately $58,000 for a fifth-year Journeyman, with full benefits. Trade information and apprenticeship resources: tinyurl.com/GOApprenticeGuide

Workforce Resources

Ohio Means Jobs provides job listings and tools for resume building, interviewing, career-interest inventories, and budgeting.

Ohio Means Jobs

Starkjobs.com

Careerbuilder.com