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Ohio's Northeast District high school football preseason all-stars for 2026

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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- The 2026 high school football season is about to kick off, and some of the best players in Ohio will be competing in the OHSAA's Northeast district.

Who will make this season's all-district and all-state teams? We won't know for sure until later this season. For now, cleveland.com has gathered a group of players who could be competing for those postseason awards.

Here is the 2026 Northeast District Preseason All-Star Team.

OFFENSE

Quarterback

Brysen Hall, Wadsworth, Jr.: He made the All-Ohio first team in Division II last season after throwing for 2,490 yards and 29 touchdowns to four interceptions. His offer list includes Pitt, South Florida, Kent State, Miami (Ohio) and Toledo.

Honorable mention: Grady Hirst, West Branch, Sr.; A.J. Pearson, Girard, Jr.

Running Back

Savior Owens, Massillon Washington, Sr.: An All-Ohio first-team pick in Division II, he rushed for 1,572 yards and 12 TDs to pace the Tigers (9-4) in their run to the regional finals. He is a Michigan State commit.

Kyelin West, Canton McKinley, Jr.: He earned first-team All-Ohio honors in Division I last season after rushing for more than 1,500 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns.

Honorable mention: Kendrick Boddie, Strongsville, Sr.; Deon'Dray Richard, Austintown Fitch, Sr.

Wide Receiver

Trey Haddad, St. Ignatius, Sr.: A Texas A&M commit, he led his team in receptions, yardage

Tristin Hughes, Rocky River, Sr.: A Kentucky commit, he is a two-way standout who recorded 1,332 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns last season while also scoring 10 touchdowns on the ground.

Nick Reece, Berea-Midpark, Sr.: A second-team All-Ohio pick last season, he finished with 1,323 yards and 15 touchdowns on 77 receptions.

Honorable mention: Tyson Clay, Berea-Midpark, Sr.; Dominick Jackson, Nordonia, Sr.; Charlie Mallett, Hawken, Sr.

Tight End

D'Angelo White, Villa Angela-St. Joseph, Sr.: A senior Louisville commit, White was an All-Ohio defensive end last season with six sacks but is projected to play tight end at the next level.

Honorable mention: Brett Beury, Firelands, Jr.; Riley Verderber; Lakewood, Sr.

Offensive Line

Anthony Blalock Jr., Austintown Fitch, Jr.: An Alabama commit, the 6-foot-6, 320-pound Blalock is regarded as one of the most skilled blockers in the region.

Lucci Cantini, Kirtland, Sr.: A first-team All-Ohio selection in Division VI last season, he anchored the line for the 2025 state champs.

Jack Marquard, St. Edward, Sr.: A first-team All-Ohio selection in Division I last season, he is a Missouri commit.

Aden Norris, Louisville, Sr.: Standing 6-foot-8 and 320 pounds, he earned second-team All-Ohio honors in Division II last season and is a UConn commit.

David Tarwallie, Riverside, Sr.: The 6-6, 265-pounder is a Penn State commit and Rivals' 14th-ranked player in the country at tackle.

Honorable mention: Dylan Latell, Girard, Sr.; Zayvion Smith, Warren Harding, Sr.

Kicker

Jonah Kowza, Highland, Sr.: He made 4 of 7 field goals with a long of 43 yards last season. He also had 12 touchbacks on kickoffs and made 11 of 18 extra points, receiving honorable

mention All-Ohio in Division II.

Honorable mention: Jeremy Hammel, Archbishop Hoban, Sr.; Blake Mullaly, Rootstown, Sr.; Vincent Roncone, Strongsville, Sr.; Marco Valentic, Kirtland, Jr.

DEFENSE

Defensive Line

Asa Burch, Warren G. Harding, Jr.: The 6-5 and 210-pounder has Ohio State and Oregon offers. He had 10 tackles for loss with four sacks and two interceptions last season (also two touchdowns).

Brady Bush, Solon, Sr.: He was a second-team All-Ohio in Division I last season.

Munir Lewis, Brush, Sr.: The Louisville commit recorded nine sacks with 13.5 tackles for loss last season, earning honorable mention All-Ohio in Division III.

Luciano Traczyk, Mayfield, Jr.: He earned first-team All-Ohio honors in Division II last season.

Honorable mention: Reese Myers, Massillon Jackson, Sr.

Linebacker

Kaylon Bailey, Glenville, Sr.: A Colorado commit, he started at defensive end the last two seasons but is slated to move to linebacker for 2026. He was an honorable mention All-Northeast Lakes District last season.

Brayton Feister, Massillon Washington, Sr.: The Ohio Division II co-Defensive Player of the Year last season, he recorded 133 tackles and 13 sacks while also rushing for over 1,000 yards. He is committed to Oregon.

Brydon Feister, Massillon Washington, Jr.: The younger Feister joined his brother as a first-team All-Ohio (Division II) selection with 110 tackles, 22 tackles for loss and five sacks.

Honorable mention: Mason Cerovac, Olmsted Falls, Sr.; Michal Niedzwiecki, Perry, Sr.; Antonio Stevens, Canton McKinley, Sr.

Defensive Back

Jacquan Gibson, Glenville, Jr.: Has offers from Indiana, Cincinnati and Pitt after gaining

statewide attention during last season’s state championship run. He was honorable mention All-Northeast Lakes District last season.

Landon Lehmer, St. Edward, Sr.: Was second-team All-Ohio in Division I last season.

Deontay Malone, Massillon Washington, Sr.: An Ohio State commit, he was a second-team All-Ohio selection in Division II last season with three interceptions and two touchdowns.

Kei’Shjuan Telfair, Euclid, Sr.: A Penn State commit, he has 14 career interceptions and earned first-team All-Ohio honors in Division II last season.

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Honorable mention: Shad Davis, Canton McKinley, Sr.; Jaylen Edwards, Glenville, Jr.

Punter

J.T. Hummer, St. Ignatius, Jr.: Earned All-Ohio honorable mention in Division I last season.

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