

2026 Wide Receiver Chris Henry Jr. Announces Commitment To Ohio State



According to several reports, Cincinnati Withrow wide receiver Chris Henry Jr. (6-5, 185), a 2026 prospect, has committed to Ohio State.

Henry held additional offers from Cincinnati, Kentucky, Louisville, Miami (Fla.), Michigan, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Penn State, Tennessee, Texas A&M and USC, among others. Ohio State was one of the earliest on the scene, offering Henry last summer after he had an impressive performance camping with the Buckeyes.

Since earning his offer, Henry has made several return trips to Ohio State, including in June when he once again camped in Columbus. He was also on campus this weekend for a large recruiting event at Ohio State, with dozens of prospects in the 2025 and 2026 recruiting classes in attendance.

“(Offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach Brian Hartline) told me that I’ve gotten more smooth with the routes and bigger, of course,” Henry said in June. “I always feel like I’m getting better every time I put the work in.”

Playing at wideout is no surprise for Henry, as his father is former NFL wide receiver Chris Henry, who played for the Cincinnati Bengals from 2005-09. After the elder Henry’s passing in 2009, Chris Henry Jr. and siblings were adopted by the elder Henry’s teammate, Adam “Pacman” Jones, in 2021.

While Henry has yet to receive a ranking in the 2026 class, it is expected that he will be among the top wideouts in the class once things are set and done. He was named to the MaxPreps high School Football Freshman All-American Team last season after collecting 29 receptions for 292 yards and five touchdowns.

Henry is the first commitment for Ohio State in 2026 and is one of just three wide receivers in the class offered by the Buckeyes, joining Malachi Toney (5-9, 165) from Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) American Heritage and Brody Keefe (6-3, 185) from Charlotte (N.C.) Myers Park.