

Early Signing Period: Four-Star Defensive Lineman Jarquez Carter Signs With Ohio State



Goodbye, Sunshine State. Hello, Buckeye State.

Newberry, Fla., four-star defensive lineman Jarquez Carter signed with Ohio State on Wednesday, adding another defensive piece to Ohio State's 2025 recruiting class.

Height, Weight: 6-2, 284

247Sports Composite Rankings: Carter is the No. 272 overall prospect nationally, 27th-ranked defensive lineman and 39th-ranked player in Florida.

Commitment Date: Carter committed to Ohio State on July 18, 2024.

Other Offers: Miami, Penn State, UCF, Florida, Alabama, Colorado, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee

How He Did In High School: Carter poured in 221 tackles and 35 sacks across his final three seasons at Newberry, helping lead the Fighting Panthers to a regional final spot in Florida's state high school playoffs in 2023.

Where He Fits For 2025: Carter brings with him a Michael Hall Jr. energy to Columbus, a smaller interior defensive lineman that can create havoc in the pocket with his pass rushing skills. The Buckeyes could potentially bring back starters Tyleik Williams and Ty Hamilton on the interior while Eddrick Houston and Kayden McDonald could also see some time on the inside.

The four-star could see some time rotating in as a third-down package interior lineman before seeing a larger role in 2026.