

## Akers mulling offer from ISU football

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Cedar Rapids Washington senior Landen Akers is considering an offer to join the Iowa State football team as a "grayshirt" in January of 2016.

Under the grayshirt system, Akers could enroll at Iowa State next August as a regular student and then join the football team when the winter semester begins in January. Or he could wait until January of 2016 and begin his studies then.

Akers would receive a football scholarship midway through the 2015-16 school year, but he would not be a member of the football program next season.

"I really like them a lot," said Akers, who was a versatile all-state player at Washington. "They offered me two or three weeks ago."

It's still possible Iowa State will offer Akers a scholarship for the 2015 season, but at this point they have not.

Akers has not decided whether he will accept the grayshirt offer or not. "I'm thinking about waiting a little bit," he said.

Akers met with ISU Coach Paul Rhoads several weeks ago when the Cyclones played Texas Tech. He likes Iowa State and is seriously considering the offer.

"They're definitely on top right now," he said.

College football teams use grayshirts to help deal with their annual scholarship limits.

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Akers helped the Washington Warriors reach the championship game of the Class 4A playoffs this year and finish with a 13-1 record as a receiver, defensive back and kick returner. He scored 11 touchdowns and collected 1,320 all-purpose yards.

Akers said he is being recruited by Iowa State as a receiver and kick return specialist. Akers is also a premier track athlete at Washington and one of the top quarter-milers in the state.