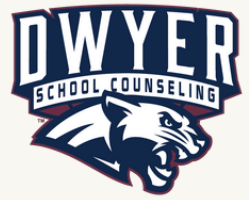


# DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

FEBRUARY 2025



## THIS MONTH

- **Summer Dual Enrollment Registration Opens Soon:**
  - **First-time DE students:** Click here to view the [Dual Enrollment Guide](#) for eligibility criteria and steps to complete.
  - **Returning DE students:** Email the completed Authorization Form to your school counselor for their review and signature.
  - Students may begin to submit Authorization Forms to their PBSC Workday account **February 3rd**.
  - Course registration for PBSC Summer Dual Enrollment opens **March 17th**.
  - The deadline to submit registration documents for PBSC Summer Dual Enrollment is **May 5th**.
  - Make an appointment with our PBSC On-site Advisor, Ms. Cindy: [Appointment Link with PBSC](#)
- **Community Service Opportunity at the Timber Trace Elementary Sweetheart Dance:**
  - Friday, February 7th from 4:30pm - 8:00pm at Timber Trace Elementary School (located in PBG)
  - Complete this form if interested: [Volunteer Sign-up](#)
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (to meet with 2 or more teachers):**
  - Held every Tuesday at 2:45pm in the Media Center.
  - Call to schedule a conference: (561) 625-7815.

## COURSE SELECTION SUGGESTIONS

When selecting your courses for next school year, consider the following:

1. **Graduation Requirements:** Make sure you are meeting all the necessary graduation requirements.
2. **College Goals:** Research the student profiles of colleges you are interested in, and select courses that align with their admission standards/trends.
3. **Academic Rigor:** Challenge yourself with AICE, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses in your strength subjects.
4. **Explore your Career Interests:** Choose electives that are aligned with your interests and career aspirations.
5. **Consider Class Timing and Workload:** Think about your extracurricular, work, and family commitments.
6. **Involve your Parents:** Your parents can help provide perspective, and may even know things about your strengths and weaknesses you haven't considered.

## IMPORTANT DATES

FEBRUARY

**3**

Summer Dual Enrollment (PBSC): Students may begin to submit Authorization Forms.

**5**

National Signing Day. Congratulations Student-Athletes!

**12**

City of Palm Beach Gardens Career Info Table inside the Cafeteria during both lunches.

**13**

US Army Info Table outside the Cafeteria during both lunches.

**24**

No School for Students - Professional Development Day.

**26**

FAFSA Workshop for Seniors and their Parents. 6pm in the Dwyer Cafeteria.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

**TBA**

2025-2026 Course Selection. Dates, procedures, & instructions will be announced soon.

## DID YOU FAIL A 1ST SEMSTER CLASS?

If you failed one or more 1st semester class, you may be missing a required course for graduation.

Meet with your School Counselor ASAP to be registered for our Edgenuity After-School Credit Recovery Lab and make up the class before the end of the school year.

### After-School Credit Lab Info:

- Mondays - Thursdays
- 2:45pm - 5:45pm
- Room 2-112 (Mr. Liebman)
- Activity Bus passes available

## SAT, ACT, & CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
<u>SAT</u>	March 8	February 21
	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22
<u>ACT</u>	February 8	<del>January 3</del>
	April 5	February 28
	June 14	May 9th
	July 12	June 6th
<u>CLT</u>	March 8	February 21
	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22

### Important SAT, ACT, & CLT Information:

- These tests are used for:
  - College admission
  - Some scholarship eligibility
  - To meet the required State Reading / Math assessment concordant scores.
- **Juniors will take a free SAT during school on Wednesday, March 5th.** Prepare now!
- These tests are optional (not a graduation requirement), therefore students must register and pay for them on their own.
  - **Test Fee Waivers** are available to students who qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch.
  - If you qualify, email the F/R Lunch confirmation you received to your school counselor before you register for the SAT or ACT to obtain a Test Fee Waiver.
  - Click here to apply for Free/Reduced Lunch benefits: [F/R Lunch Application](#)

### • Concordant Scores for State Assessments:

Test Type	Reading	Math
SAT	480 (EBRW)	420 (M)
ACT	18 (E/R Avg)	16 (M)
CLT	36 (VR+GW)	11 (M)

### • Bright Futures Qualifying Scores:

Test Type	'25 Grads	'26 Grads
	FAS / FMS	FAS / FMS
SAT	1340 / 1210	1330 / 1190
ACT	29 / 25	25 / 24
CLT	96 / 84	95 / 82

## ABSENCES AND COURSE CREDIT

Per state and district rules, students are expected to have a 90% attendance rate in each class or they must demonstrate proficiency on the semester exam to earn course credit.

- **In Block Classes:** If you have **5 or more** absences (excused or unexcused) you **must pass the semester exam** to earn credit.
- **In 5th Period Class:** If you have **10 or more** absences (excused or unexcused) you **must pass the semester exam** to earn credit.

## REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- **Struggling in a class?**
  - Attend class regularly and on time.
  - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
  - Attend tutoring sessions.
  - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- **Student-Athletes:** Register for NCAA eligibility: [NCAA Eligibility Center Registration](#)
- **Meet with a PBSC advisor at Dwyer:** Receive guidance for Dual Enrollment, career paths application, etc: [Book Appointment Here](#)
- **Join your grad class Google Classroom:**
  - Class of 2025: gmwuafo
  - Class of 2026: c73nmq4
  - Class of 2027: 4ggmqak
  - Class of 2028: 5rzed7z
- **How to submit Community Service Hours:**
  - In SIS, click on "Forms", and select 'High School Community Hours Student Submission'.
  - Complete the required student information boxes, electronically sign the form, and click 'Submit Request'
  - **Community Service Opportunities:**
    - Join a Dwyer service club
    - [Volunteer Match](#)
    - [Palm Beach County](#)
    - [United Way of Palm Beach County](#)
    - [Town of Jupiter](#)
    - [Habitat for Humanity \(Greater WPB\)](#)
- **Graduation Requirements:**
  - 2.0 GPA (unweighted, cumulative)
  - 24 Credits (specific required credits)
  - Pass State Reading & Math Assessments
  - 20 Hours of Community Service



## COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND NEXT STEPS

### **If You Have Already Applied to College:**

- *Application Portals:* Each college will email you with a link and login to your application portal
  - Be sure to check your email, login to the college portals, check the status of your applications, and submit any missing documents ASAP.
- *Mid-Year Reports:* If your college applications require mid-year reports. Click here to request: [Transcript Request Form](#)
- *SSAR/SPARK:* If your college applications required you to complete the SSAR or SPARK, you will need to log in and update your first semester grades in your SSAR or SPARK portal from 'IP' (in progress) to the 1st semester grade you received.

### **If You HAVE NOT Applied to College and Plan to Attend:**

- APPLY ASAP! Most college applications can be completed via the [Common App](#).
- Know your colleges' application deadlines!
- If you missed university deadlines, consider state colleges such as [Palm Beach State College](#)
- Click here to complete the [Counselor Recommendation Form](#).
- Click here to complete the [Transcript Request Form](#).
- [SSAR Dwyer Sheet Link](#)
- Click here to view our [College Planning 101 Presentation](#)
- View mid-range college admissions GPA & test scores here: [Florida SUS Matrix](#)

## FLORIDA BRIGHT FUTURES AND OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship:**

- To qualify for Bright Futures, submit the [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#).
- Deadline to apply and meet eligibility criteria is August 31st of your high school graduation year.
- We encourage all Seniors to apply ASAP.

### **Other Scholarships:**

- Click here: [Dwyer High School Scholarship List](#)
- Click here: [Palm Beach County School District Scholarship List](#)

## FAFSA – FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The 2025–2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now open for Seniors.

### **FAFSA Resource Links:**

- Application link: [Click here to apply](#)
- Videos to help families understand the FAFSA process: [FAFSA YouTube channel](#)
- What you need to know about: [Creating Your StudentAid.gov Account](#)
- Helpful tips for preparing to fill out and submit the FAFSA form: [FAFSA Pro Tips](#)
- Get an estimate of the 2025–2026 Student Aid Index (SAI) and Pell Grant eligibility: [Federal Student Aid Estimator](#)

FINANCIAL AID AND FAFSA WORKSHOP: LEARN ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, LOANS & MORE!

FOR PARENTS AND HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR COLLEGE, AND COMPLETING THE FAFSA FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR.

**TRIO**  
EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITY CENTERS

## FAFSA Workshop for Seniors and their Parents - February 26th, 6pm at Dwyer

### **What to Bring Checklist:**

- Your Social Security Number for parents and student ( or permanent resident number)
- Date of Birth (parents and students)
- Your most recent federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned
- Bank statements for checking, savings, and other assets accounts
- Investment records, including 529 plans of other prepaid college plans
- An FSA ID to sign electronically ( A new FSA ID must be created for both the student and one parent - use separate e-mail address for each)
- Permanent Residency card ( if you are not a U.S. Citizen)
- Driver's license number if you have one