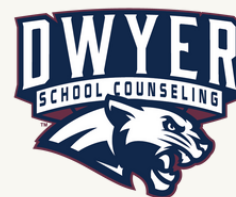


DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

DECEMBER 2024



THIS MONTH

- **Spring Dual Enrollment Registration Ends December 15:**
 - **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 .
 - NOTE: **December 15th is the deadline** for PBSC Spring term class registration.
 - Make an appointment with our PBSC On-site Advisor: [Appointment Link with PBSC](#)
- **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.
- **Semester Exam Schedule:**
 - Tues, Dec. 17th: 1st period Exam (full school day)
 - Wed, Dec. 18th: 2nd & 4th period Exams (half day)
 - Thurs, Dec. 19th: 3rd & 5th period Exams (half day)
 - Fri, Dec. 20th: 6th & 7th period Exams (half day)
 - Students - Give it your BEST! In most cases, these Semester Exams count as 20% of the final semester grade in your classes.
- **End of 2nd Quarter and 1st Semester:**
 - The end of the 2nd Quarter & 1st Semester is Friday, December 20th.
 - Check your SIS & complete any permitted make-up work or tests by your teachers' deadlines.
 - Students will see their GPA and credits update after the 1st semester grades are finalized in early January.
- **Winter Break:**
 - Monday, December 23rd - Monday, January 6th.
 - Students return to school Tuesday, January 7th, and it will be a "Day 1" schedule.
- **2025 Bank of America Student Leader Application is Now Open for Juniors and Seniors:**
 - Work as a paid intern at a local nonprofit for eight weeks.
 - Attend the weeklong Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C.
 - Develop leadership and career skills.
 - **Deadline to apply is January 15, 2025.**
 - Click here to apply: [BOA Student Leader Application](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

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[Webinar: Bright Futures & Florida Financial Aid](#), 6pm

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[Webinar: Understanding PSAT & SAT Score Reports](#), 6pm

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PM2 Testing for 10th grade. Flipped & Modified class & bell schedule.

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PM2 Testing for 9th grade. Flipped & Modified class & bell schedule.

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[In-Person Workshop: FAFSA and Financial AID for Juniors, Seniors & Parents](#). 5:30pm. 3300 Forest Hill Blvd

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Deadline to register for Spring Dual Enrollment

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1st Semester Exams begin, and run through Friday, Dec. 20th

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Deadline for Juniors to register for [Career Exploration Field Trip](#)

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Winter Break Begins

- Students will return to school Tuesday, Jan. 7th

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1) 2.0 GPA (unweighted, cumulative)
- 2) 24 Credits (specific required credits)
- 3) Proficient Scores on the State **Reading** and **Math** Assessments
- 4) 20 Hours of Community Service

IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION



- **College Applications:**
 - Most college applications can be completed via the [Common App](#).
 - Know your colleges' application deadlines!
 - 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](#)
- **Bright Futures Scholarship:**
 - Click here to apply: [Bright Futures Scholarship](#) (*application is now open for Seniors*).
 - Bright Futures & FL Financial Aid Webinar: December 4th from 6:00- 7:00pm
 - Click Topic to Join Session: <https://www.palmbeachschools.org/Page/16199>
- **Scholarship & Financial Aid Links:**
 - [Dwyer Scholarship Bulletin](#)
 - [Palm Beach County School District Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#)
 - [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) Application is now open for the 2025-2026 FAFSA!
 - There will be a Financial Aid & FAFSA Workshop for parents Wed, Dec. 11th from 5:30-7:30pm.
 - Click here to attend this in-person workshop: [Registration Link](#)

STUDENTS MAY NOW UPLOAD COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS DIRECTLY TO THEIR SIS!

Follow these steps to upload your Community Services Hours directly to SIS:

- 1) From your PBCSD student portal, click on the SIS tile.
- 2) In SIS, click on "Forms", and select 'High School Community Hours Student Submission'.
- 3) Complete the required student information boxes, and electronically sign the form.
- 4) Upload the documentation of your hours, and click "Submit Request" to submit the form.

NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?

Click the links below for community service opportunities:

- [Volunteer Match](#)
- [Palm Beach County](#)
- [United Way of Palm Beach County](#)
- [Town of Jupiter](#)
- [Habitat for Humanity \(Greater WPB\)](#)

MEET WITH YOUR COUNSELOR IN THE CAFE DURING YOUR LUNCH

- A - Ce, Ms. DeJesus..... Day 2
- Ch - Fo, Ms. Little..... Day 1
- Fr - Je, Ms. Wilkes..... Day 1
- Ji - Ma, Ms. Mirguet..... Day 2
- Mc - Pi, Ms. Moon..... Day 2
- Pl - So, Dr. Yates..... Day 1
- Sp - Z, Ms. Murphy..... M, W, F

REMINDERS

- Suggestions for students struggling in class:
 - Attend class regularly and on time.
 - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
 - Attend tutoring sessions.
 - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- Student-Athletes are encouraged to register for NCAA eligibility: **[NCAA Eligibility Center Registration](#)**
- Students can meet with a PBSC advisor at Dwyer about Dual Enrollment, career pathways, etc: **[Book Appointment with Advisor](#)**
- Join your graduating class' Google Classroom for important info & links:
 - Class of 2025: **gmwuafo**
 - Class of 2026: **c73nmq4**
 - Class of 2027: **4ggmqak**
 - Class of 2028: **5rzed7z**

JUNIOR CAREER EXPLORATION TRIP

On January 17th, 2025 all Juniors will have the opportunity to attend a 'Career Exploration Fair'. This field trip is free of charge and students can connect with local employers and business for jobs, internships, and gain insight into various industries within Palm Beach County!

To attend, please complete the registration form by December 17th, 2024 using this link:
<https://forms.gle/nDY3SRwwyy2qP4RJ8>



5 Reasons to Use [BigFuture.org](https://www.bigfuture.org):

- **Available any time to any student:** All students can access the free website for actionable guidance and personalized tools to explore careers, plan for college, and pay for college.
- **Explore careers:** Students can find 1,000 career options. They can also start from a curated list of 30 careers based on their interests and skills using career quiz to discover their best fit.
- **Plan for college:** Students can learn more about 4,400 institutions—including 4-year and 2-year colleges and technical education programs—to help them decide on a postsecondary and college pathway.
- **Pay for college:** Students can find ways to make college more affordable with 25,000 scholarships, helpful videos and articles, and monthly BigFuture scholarships.
- **Incentivizes students to plan:** When students take action on BigFuture for college, career and financial planning, they are entered into a scholarship drawing. Every month, two \$40,000 and many \$500 scholarships are awarded.

PALM BEACH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S COLLEGE & CAREER CORNER

College & Career Corner is a series of virtual information sessions. Parents/Guardians will receive information, resources and action steps to prepare students for post high school success.

- Featured Topics:
 - Getting SAT Ready!
 - [Recorded Presentation Link](#)
 - Hello Xello!
 - [Recorded Presentation Link](#)
 - College Essay Writing
 - [Recorded Presentation Link](#)
 - Bright Futures & Florida Financial Aid Webinar:
 - Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2024, Time: 6:00
 - [Join Webinar Link](#)

FLDOE College & Career Planning Resources

- **Online Career Planning & Work-Based Learning Coordination System**
 - **Xello** is Florida's official, K-12 career planning and work-based learning coordination provider. Xello empowers every student to design a personalized plan for the future by providing a high-quality career development experience that's modern and visually appealing, interactive, and age-appropriate. It has been professionally translated into Spanish and can support other preferred languages.
- **Additional Career & Postsecondary Exploration Resources**
 - **FloridaShines.org** offers an array of free online tools and resources designed to help students succeed in school, earn a college degree, and embark on a rewarding career. FloridaShines works with the state's public colleges, universities, and K-12 school districts to develop tools that benefit students, parents, counselors, and educators alike. FloridaShines is funded by the state of Florida and provided by [FLVC](#). Its tools and resources are available at no cost to students.
 - **GetMyFuture** is the U.S. Department of Labor's career and postsecondary readiness site geared toward young adults. The site includes occupational assessments, career information, career videos, labor market data, and numerous college and career readiness resources.
 - **CollegeNavigator** is the National Center for Education Statistics' tool to learn more about postsecondary training institutions offering a wide spectrum of short- and long-term credentials. Search by keyword, filter by category, interact with a map, conduct side-by-side comparisons, and review detailed institutional information and data.
 - **Apprenticeship Job Finder** is the U.S. Department of Labor's web tool to locate registered apprenticeships by occupation, company name, keyword, or geographic location.
 - **MyFloridaFuture** is a data dashboard produced by the Florida State University System (FSUS) to show typical loan amounts and wages by degree for FSUS graduates.
 - **Get There** is Florida's official site to learn more about Career and Technical Education (CTE) – explore pathways and learn more about career-focused educational opportunities.
 - [FDOE resources for students considering entering the teaching profession](#)
- **National Service Exploration**
 - **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** is the Department of Defense's online system to assess career aptitudes and explore college, career, and military options.
 - **AmeriCorps** is an independent agency of the United States government that engages millions of American adults of all ages in service through a variety of stipended volunteer work programs in many sectors.

COLLEGEBOARD WEBINAR: UNDERSTANDING PSAT AND SAT STUDENT SCORE REPORTS

- **When:** Thursday, Dec 5, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
- **Description:** This session will explore how the digital SAT Suite of Assessments can help students prepare for the SAT and their future, whether that path leads to college, a career, or other opportunities. During this hour-long webinar, you will learn about:
 - Connecting to valuable tools for college and career planning.
 - Accessing college scholarship opportunities.
 - Establishing a baseline and checking in on college and career readiness.
 - Using AP Potential to identify suitable AP courses.
- **Register in advance for this webinar:**
https://collegeboard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2z5W85xtQCy2W4Ooap3Ytg
 (All registrants will receive a link to the recording at the conclusion of the webinar).

UPCOMING SAT, ACT, & CLT DATES

The SAT, ACT, and CLT may be used for college admission and state graduation assessment concordant scores.

We recommend students begin taking them 2nd semester of their Junior year.

ACT (ACT.org)

| Test Date | Reg. Deadline |
|-----------|---------------|
| Dec. 14 | Nov. 8th |
| Feb. 8th | Jan. 3rd |
| April 5th | Feb. 28th |
| June 14th | May 9th |
| July 12th | June 6th |

SAT (collegeboard.org)

| Test Date | Reg. Deadline |
|-----------|---------------|
| Dec. 7th | Nov. 22nd |
| March 8th | Feb. 21st |
| May 3rd | April 18th |
| June 7th | May 22nd |

NOTE: All Juniors will be registered to take a FREE SAT during school in March 2025.

CLT (CLTexam.com)

| Test Date | Reg. Deadline |
|-----------|---------------|
| Dec. 7th | Nov. 28th |
| March 8th | Feb. 21st |
| May 3rd | April 18th |
| June 7th | May 22nd |

SAT & ACT TEST FEE WAIVERS

If you believe you may qualify for a SAT/ACT or College Application waiver, please complete the Free and Reduced Lunch Application.

Free & Reduced Lunch application link:
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict>.

Once you receive the email confirmation that you qualify, please forward IT to your school counselor to receive your ACT and SAT Test Fee Waivers.

FL SUS ADMISSIONS (Middle Ranges Fall 2023)

| UNIVERSITY | GPA | SAT | ACT | DEADLINE | UNIVERSITY | GPA | SAT | ACT | DEADLINE |
|---|-----------|-----------|-------|---------------------|---|-----------|-----------|-------|-------------------|
| FLORIDA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, FL admissions.famu.edu | 3.91 | 1070-1240 | 22-27 | 11.1.23 4.1.24 | NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA Sarasota, FL ncf.edu/admissions | 4.03 | 1100-1310 | 22-29 | 11.1.23 2.1.24 |
| FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY Boca Raton, FL fau.edu/admissions | 3.70-4.30 | 1090-1250 | 22-28 | 11.1.23 4.1.24 | UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA Orlando, FL admissions.ucf.edu | 4.1-4.5 | 1260-1380 | 26-30 | 11.1.23 5.1.24 |
| FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY Fort Myers, FL fgcu.edu/admissionsandaid | 3.76-4.51 | 1080-1230 | 21-26 | 11.1.23 3.1.24 | UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA Gainesville, FL admissions.ufl.edu | 4.4-4.6 | 1370-1510 | 31-34 | 11.1.23 3.1.24 |
| FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY Miami, FL admissions.fiu.edu | 4.1-4.7 | 1240-1370 | 26-30 | 10.23.23 3.25.24 | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA Jacksonville, FL unf.edu/admissions | 3.80-4.44 | 1060-1250 | 21-27 | 11.1.23 4.1.24 |
| FLORIDA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY Lakeland, FL floridapoly.edu/admissions | 4.0-4.7 | 1250-1390 | 28-32 | 11.15.23 3.1.24 | UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA Tampa, FL usf.edu/admissions | 4.10-4.59 | 1250-1390 | 27-31 | 11.1.23 3.1.24 |
| FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY Tallahassee, FL admissions.fsu.edu | 4.3-4.6 | 1340-1450 | 29-33 | 10.15.23 12.1.23 | UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA Pensacola, FL uwf.edu/admissions | 3.95 | 1050-1230 | 21-27 | 12.1.23 6.1.24 |

Florida's State UNIV. SYSTEM (SUS) Matrix

Each year, the Office of the Board of Governors, in collaboration with state university admissions directors, publishes the State University System of Florida Admission Tour Matrix.

Please click the link below to refer to review each school's admitted student profiles:

[2024-2025 Florida SUS Matrix Admissions Guide](#)