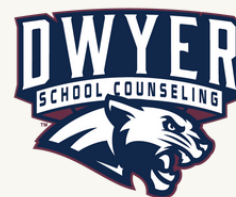


DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

APRIL 2025



THIS MONTH

- **12th grade Palm Beach State College (PBSC) Application & Orientation Events:**
 - Seniors interested in attending PBSC after high school will receive assistance completing and submitting the PBSC application, and participate in the PBSC-required Orientation.
 - *PBSC Application Workshop: Thursday, April 3rd* at 9:30am in the Dwyer Cafeteria.
 - *PBSC Orientation: Wednesday, April 23rd* at 9:30am in the Dwyer Media Center.
 - **Must sign-up by April 2nd to attend.** Click here to sign-up: [PBSC Application Event Sign-up](#)
- **AICE, IB, and State Exams Begin this Month:**
 - Click here for the full [Dwyer Testing Calendar](#).
 - It is the students' responsibility to know their testing dates, locations, and start times.
 - **For State Assessments (BEST Writing, ELA PM3, & EOCs):** Students must bring their fully-charged school-issued laptop and charger, and wear their Dwyer student ID.
 - **For AICE and IB Exams:** Students must bring a blue or black ink ballpoint pen, and wear their Dwyer student ID.
- **Summer Dual Enrollment Registration is Open:**
 - **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 now** submit Authorization Forms to their PBSC Workday, **and** register for their Summer class(es).
 - 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](#)
- **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.

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

1

Students return from Spring Break: It will be a "Day 1" schedule, and the beginning of the 4th Quarter

3

Senior PBSC Application Event, 9:30am in the Cafeteria for Seniors who sign-up by April 2nd deadline.

7

3rd Quarter Report Cards will be posted to all SIS Gateway accounts.

18

School Holiday, school closed.

23

Senior PBSC Orientation, 9:30am in the Media Center for Seniors who completed the PBSC application.

25

4th Quarter Progress Reports will be posted to SIS Gateway accounts.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

APRIL
MAY

Click here for the upcoming Dwyer State, AICE, AP, & IB testing calendar: [Dwyer Testing Calendar](#)

2025-2026 COURSE SELECTION INFO

- School Counselors have met individually with the majority of 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students to review their course selections for next school year. We will continue to meet with our remaining students this month.
- Student and parents may view their course selections on their SIS Gateway accounts:
 - Select "Requests"
 - Change the school year (*upper right of screen*) to "2025-2026".
- The following should be taken into account with course selections:
 - Graduation requirements
 - Academy requirements (if applicable)
 - AICE Diploma requirements (optional)
 - Future plans (college admissions, career plans, etc.)

SAT, ACT, & CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
<u>SAT</u>	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22
<u>ACT</u>	April 5	February 28
	June 14	May 9th
	July 12	June 6th
<u>CLT</u>	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.
- 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 <i>FAS / FMS</i>	'26 Grads <i>FAS / FMS</i>
SAT	1340 / 1210	1330 / 1190
ACT	29 / 25	25 / 24
CLT	96 / 84	95 / 82

• Free Online SAT Prep:

- Students have free test prep available via *Khan Academy*.
- On the student's District portal, search "Khan Academy", and click on the tile.

REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- **Join your grad class Google Classroom:**
 - Class of 2025: gmwuaf0
 - Class of 2026: c73nmq4
 - Class of 2027: 4ggmqak
 - Class of 2028: 5rzed7z
- **Graduation Requirements:**
 - 2.0 GPA (unweighted, cumulative)
 - 24 Credits (specific required credits)
 - Pass State Reading & Math Assessments
 - 20 Hours of Community Service
- **Struggling in a class?**
 - Attend class regularly and on time.
 - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
 - Attend tutoring sessions.
 - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- **Absences and 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.
 - *In EOC Classes:* If you have 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) for you **must pass the 4th quarter** to earn credit.
- **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](#)
- **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, upload log, e-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 \(Greater WPB\)](#)



SENIOR INFORMATION

IMPORTANT SENIOR DATES AND INFORMATION

- Click here: [Senior Graduation Newsletter](#)
 - Includes Senior Week dates, details, graduation ceremony eligibility, graduation ceremony dress code, spectator info, ticket info, and more.
- **Seniors last day of class:** Thursday, May 8th (Day 1) & Friday, May 9th (Day 2)
- **Senior Sign-Out:** Tuesday, May 13th in the Dwyer Auditorium:
 - Last names A – Ma, between 8am – 11am
 - Last names Mc – Z, between 12pm – 3pm
- **Senior Awards Night:** Wednesday, May 14th at 6:00pm in the Dwyer Auditorium:
 - Seniors who will be receiving an award or recognition will be notified by the sponsors/teachers of their club, class, and/or programs prior to the awards night.
- **Graduation Rehearsal (MANDATORY):** May 19th at 3:00pm in the Dwyer Gym.

Dwyer Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 22, 2025
6:00pm
South FL Fairgrounds
Expo Center

SENIOR SIGN-OUT INFORMATION

- **Tuesday, May 13th in the Auditorium:**
 - Last names A – Ma, between 8am – 11am
 - Last names Mc – Z, between 12pm – 3pm
- **Seniors must complete the following prior to Senior Sign-Out:**
 - [Florida Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)](#)
 - [PBCSD Senior Grad Survey](#)
- **Seniors will be cleared for Graduation if they:**
 1. Earned the required credits
 2. Minimum 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA
 3. Minimum 20 hours of Community Service
 4. Passed State Reading & Math assessments
- **At this event, Seniors will:**
 - Return chromebooks and chargers
 - Return textbooks & Media Center materials
 - Pay school fees/fines (*check SIS now for this*)
 - Receive 8 Graduation spectator tickets
 - Receive their Cap & Gown (*if ordered by the March 31st deadline*)

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 college-bound Seniors to apply ASAP.
- **All seniors must complete this application to proceed through the May 13th Senior Sign-Out.**

Other Scholarships:

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

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

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](#)

College Application Resources:

- Click here: [Counselor Recommendation Form](#).
- Click here: [Transcript Request Form](#).
- Click here: [SSAR Dwyer Sheet Link](#)
- Click here: [College Planning Presentation](#)
- View mid-range college admissions GPA & test scores here: [Florida SUS Matrix](#)

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](#)