

DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

MAY 2025



THIS MONTH

- **AICE, AP, IB, and State Exams Continue 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 AP Exams:** 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 Deadline:**
 - The deadline to submit registration documents to PBSC for Summer Dual Enrollment is **May 5th**.
- **2nd Semester Exam Schedule:**
 - Tues, May 27th: 1st period Exam (full school day)
 - Wed, May 28th: 2nd & 4th period Exams (half day)*
 - Thurs, May 29th: 3rd & 5th period Exams (half day)*
 - Fri, May 30th: 6th & 7th period Exams (half day)*
 - * *Half day dismissal time: 11:42am*
- **Fall Dual Enrollment Information:**
 - **First-time DE students:** Click here to view the [Dual Enrollment Guide](#) for eligibility criteria and steps to complete.
 - **Returning DE students:** Email your completed Authorization Form to your school counselor for their review and signature.
 - Students may now submit Fall Authorization Forms to their PBSC Workday and register for their Fall Dual Enrollment classes once approved by PBSC.
 - The **deadline to submit** Fall Dual Enrollment registration documents to PBSC is **August 15, 2025**.
 - 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

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Last Day of School for Seniors: Full school day for Seniors.

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Senior Sign-Out, in the Auditorium from 8am-3pm (time assigned according to last name).

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C/O 2025 Graduation Ceremony, 6pm at the South FL Fairgrounds. Seniors must arrive by 4pm.

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School Holiday, school closed.

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2nd Semester Exams Begin and run through Friday, May 30th.

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Last Day of School. Enjoy your Summer Break!

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

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

2ND SEMESTER EXAM INFO

- Exam Week is Tuesday, May 27th through Friday, May 30th:
 - Tuesday will be a full school day.
 - Wednesday - Friday will be early release.
- ONLY Seniors may be Exempt from a 2nd semester exam.
- Per State statute, students who have been absent for more than the state-permitted 10% of the class (excused AND unexcused), MUST pass the exam to earn credit for the class.
- No early exams will be given. Students who are absent for an exam must make arrangements to make them up after Summer Break.
- Students - Give it your BEST! In most cases, these Semester Exams count as 20% of the final semester grade in your classes.

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>	June 14	May 9
	July 12	June 6
<u>CLT</u>	May 3	April 18
	June 7	May 22

Click the Test Type name to link directly to the test registration website for that test.

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	'26 Grads
	FAS / FMS	FAS / FMS
SAT	1340 / 1210	1330 / 1190
ACT	29 / 25	29 / 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: gmwuafo
 - 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 SPOTLIGHTS & COLLEGE DECISION DAY EVENT

We will be celebrating our Seniors the week of April 28th, ending with a College Decision Day event on Friday, May 2nd:

1) Senior Spotlights: We want to highlight YOU!

- Complete this brief form to be included in our *Senior Spotlights* which will be posted to Dwyer social media accounts beginning April 28th through May 9th:
- [Senior Spotlight Form](#) (must use your school district account to submit).

2) Decision Day Event – Post your Pennant!

- Friday, May 2nd**, during both lunch periods outside of the Guidance Office.
- 'National Decision Day' is this week, and we invite our college-bound seniors to announce their college decisions by decorating a college pennant and posting it on our Decision Day Banner!
- Click here for a blank Pennant template (and some with FL colleges already on them): [College Pennant Templates](#)
- Be sure to wear a college shirt on Friday, May 2nd to rep your future school!
- Pictures and prizes for participants! Seniors who are wearing a college shirt and post their college pennant to the Decision Day banner will be entered in a drawing to win an Amazon gift card!

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](#)
 - [Dwyer High School Senior Survey](#)
 - [Final Transcript Request](#)
- Seniors will be cleared for Graduation if they:**
 - Earned the required credits
 - Minimum 2.0 cumulative unweighted GPA
 - Minimum 20 hours of Community Service
 - 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)

REQUEST AICE, AP, & IB EXAM TRANSCRIPTS

College-bound Seniors must request their AICE, AP, and/or IB exam transcripts be sent directly from the testing site to their college in order to receive college course credit.

Colleges reserve the right to determine which exams and scores will receive college credit at their institutions. This info is usually available on the college's website by searching "Credit by Exam"

- AICE Requests: [AICE Exam Transcripts](#)
- AP Requests: [AP Exam Transcripts](#)
- IB Requests: IB students will receive a Google Form request, or [IB Exam Transcripts](#)

