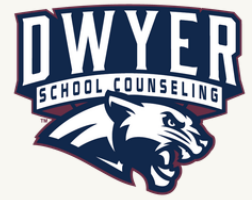


DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

MARCH 2026



THIS MONTH

- **INDIVIDUAL STUDENT COURSE SELECTION MEETINGS:**
 - **March 2nd – April 22nd:** Counselors will meet with all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students individually to review their elective choices and select academic courses.
 - Helpful Course Selection Links:
 - [Dwyer Curriculum Guide](#)
 - [Sample 4-Year Course Progressions](#)
- **COLLEGE FAIR AT DWYER HIGH SCHOOL:**
 - **Tuesday, March 10th** from 5:30pm – 7:00pm in the Dwyer Gym.
 - All north county high school students and their parents are invited to attend.
- **SCHOOL-DAY SAT FOR JUNIORS:**
 - **Wednesday, March 11, 2026** at Dwyer High School.
 - All Juniors are registered to test, and are to report directly to their testing location at 7:35am.
 - Juniors must bring the following to school to test:
 - Fully-charged school-issued laptop & charger.
 - Wear their Dwyer student ID.
 - Optional: Calculator – [Click here for the SAT Calculator Policy & Acceptable Calculators.](#)
 - Optional: Light snack, water, and a jacket.
 - Juniors are encouraged to review the [SAT School Day Student Guide](#) prior to the March 11th test.
 - The whole school will be on a [modified bell schedule](#) with an extended 1st period to accommodate the required testing time (non-testers in attendance will be in an alternative room for the full testing block).
- **SUMMER DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION (PALM BEACH STATE COLL):**
 - **First-time DE students:** Click here to view the [PBSC 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.
 - Course registration for PBSC Summer Dual Enrollment **opens Monday, March 23rd.**
 - The **deadline to submit registration documents to PBSC** for Summer Dual Enrollment **is May 5th.**
 - Students can meet with our PBSC On-site Advisor, Ms. Brenner. Click here to make an appointment: [Appointment Link with PBSC](#)
- **SUMMER DUAL ENROLLMENT REGISTRATION (UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA):**
 - Click here for info and instructions: [UF Dual Enrollment Application Guide: For UF Dual Enrollment Students](#)
 - The UF Dual Enrollment application deadline is **April 27th, 2026**
- **END OF THE 3RD QUARTER & SPRING BREAK:**
 - The end of the 3rd Quarter is Friday, March 13th.
 - Check SIS, and submit permitted make-up work and tests by your teachers' deadlines.
 - Spring Break is Monday, March 16th through Friday, March 20th, & Monday, March 23rd is a Teacher Workday.
 - Students return to school Tuesday, March 24th, and it will be a "Day 2" schedule.

COURSE SELECTION SUGGESTIONS

When requesting courses for next school year, be sure to consider the following:

1. **Graduation Requirements:** Make sure you are meeting all the 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

MARCH

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Deadline to register for the 03/25 ASVAB Career Exploration Test: [9th, 10th, & 11th grade may register here.](#)

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College Fair at Dwyer High School. 5:30 – 7pm in the Gym. All students and parents are welcome.

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School Day SAT for Juniors: All Juniors are registered, and must report to their testing room at 7:35am.

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End of the 3rd Quarter. Be sure to check SIS & submit any permitted work by your teachers' deadlines.

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Spring Break Begins: Monday, March 16th – Friday, March 20th, & Teacher Work Day Monday, March 23rd.

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Summer Dual Enrollment Course Registration Opens. Students register via their PBSC Workday account.

UPCOMING TESTING DATES:

MARCH
APRIL
MAY

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

CAREER PLANNING WITH XELLO

Xello is an online program that helps students create their very own, unique roadmap for college, career, and future success. The School District of Palm Beach County parents and guardians may register for *Xello Family Portal* and have access to your child's future goals and plans. Xello parents and guardians the ability to:

- Explore career options with your child.
- Review and discuss their interests, strengths, and goals.
- Support school course planning & post-secondary decisions.

During the month of March, our Postsecondary Coordinator, Ms. Mounce will assist 9th grade students with completing the Personalized Career & Academic Plan (PCAP) through Xello.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) can visit the [Xello website](#) and create an account to link to their child's portal:

- Xello Family Account Setup Instructions: [English](#) | [Spanish](#) | [Creole](#) | [Portuguese](#)

Xello Family Resources:

- [Navigating the Xello Family Portal](#)
- [Xello Parent Pamphlet](#)
- [Welcome To Xello Video](#)



LEADERSHIP GROW - CURRENT SOPHOMORES

The [Leadership Grow Program](#) provides high school Juniors (in school year 2026-2027) with an opportunity to hear directly from Palm Beach County government, business and civic leaders, and learn important leadership skills, and connect with their community.

Students selected will attend one session a month (beginning Sept. 2026 - April 2027), with each session centered on a distinct theme designed to help shape emerging leaders by providing experiences and insights not typically available in a traditional classroom setting.

Applications for the Leadership Grow 2026-2027 program are now open for CURRENT SOPHOMORES, and will follow a two-step process outlined below:

- **Step 1:** Complete the online application: <https://tinyurl.com/LeadershipPBCGrow2027>
- **Step 2:** Submit the required paper application: <https://growthzonecmsprodeastus.azureedge.net/sites/2182/2026/02/Leadership-PBC-Grow-Application-2026-2027-r2.pdf>

Application Deadline is: April 3, 2026.

SENIOR INFORMATION

Important Senior Information:

- [Senior Newsletter](#) (Info about Senior events, Graduation details, dress code, tickets, etc).



Important Senior Dates:

- **Prom:** Saturday, April 11th from 8pm - 11pm at the Kravis Center Cohen Pavilion.
- **Grad Bash:** Saturday, April 18th (depart 11:30am) - 19th (return 5:00am), Universal Studios.
- **Senior Sign-Out w/ Day 1 Teachers:** Thursday, May 7th (full school day - must attend all classes)
- **Senior Sign-Out w/ Day 2 Teachers:** Friday, May 8th (full school day - must attend all classes)
- **Senior Sign-Out w/ Counselors & Administration:** Tuesday, May 12th in the Dwyer Auditorium (will receive Cap/Gown & Graduation spectator tickets)
 - **Last names A - LE:** 8:00am - 10:30am
 - **Last names Li - Z:** 12:00pm - 3:00pm
- **Senior Awards Night:** Wednesday, May 13th at 6:00pm in the Dwyer Auditorium
- **Graduation Rehearsal (Mandatory):** Monday, May 18th. Arrive by 2:45pm in the Gym
- **Graduation Ceremony:** Thursday, May 21 at 6:00pm, South FL Fairgrounds (Seniors must arrive by 4:00pm)
- More Senior dates and details to come!

College Applications - After You Have Applied:

- Application Portals: Each college will email you a link & login to access the application portal for their college.
- Be sure to check your personal email, login to the individual college portals, check the status of your applications, and submit any missing documents to the college ASAP!
- Some colleges require *Mid-Term Records/Transcripts*. Request them here: [Transcript Request Form](#)
- Continue to check your college Application Portals regularly for decision notifications and next steps.

Financial Aid & Scholarship Links:

- [FL Financial Aid Application \(FFAA\)/Bright Futures Scholarship](#)
- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Dwyer Scholarship Bulletin](#)
- [Palm Beach County School District Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#)

SAT, ACT, & CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
SAT	March 14	February 27
	May 2	April 17
	June 6	May 22
ACT	April 11	March 6
	June 13	May 8
	July 11	June 5
CLT	March 21	March 12
	April 16	April 9
	May 16	May 7
	June 11	June 4

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 11th.**
 - Prepare now with Khan Academy (available through your Student Portal)
- These tests are optional (not a graduation requirement), therefore students must register and pay for them on their own (*with the exception of the March 11th free school-day SAT for Juniors*).
 - **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](#)
- **Bright Futures Qualifying Scores:**
(In addition to qualifying GPA & Service/Work Hours)

Test Type	FAS	FMS
SAT	1330	1190
ACT	29	24
CLT	95	82

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REMINDERS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- **Students can meet with their School Counselors in the Cafeteria during lunch:**
 - Last names A-CI, [Ms. DeJesus](#)..... Day 2 & Last names Li-Mc (12th grade)
 - Last names Co-Go, [Ms. Little](#)..... Day 1 & Last names Li-Oz (9th grade)
 - Last names Gr-Le, [Ms. Wilkes](#)..... Day 1 & Last names Me-Oz (12th grade)
 - Last names P-Se, [Dr. Yates](#)..... Day 2 & Last names Li-Oz (10th grade)
 - Last names Sh-Z, [Ms. Murphy](#)..... Day 2 & Last names Li-Oz (11th grade)
- **Graduation Requirements:**
 - 2.0 GPA (cumulative, unweighted)
 - 24 credits (from required areas)
 - Proficient scores on State Assessments:
 - Grade 10 ELA and Algebra 1 EOC
 - 20 Hours of Community/Volunteer Service
- **Join your graduating class' Google Classroom for important info & links:**
 - **Class of 2026:** c73nmq4
 - **Class of 2027:** 4ggmqak
 - **Class of 2028:** 5rzed7z
 - **Class of 2029:** wqy77enb
- **Student-Athletes:**
 - If you are interested in playing a sport for a college, register for NCAA eligibility here:
 - [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- **How to Submit Community Service Hours:**
 - In the student's SIS, click on "Forms", and select 'High School Community Hours 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 \(Greater WPB\)](#)
- **Struggling in a class?**
 - Attend class regularly and on time.
 - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
 - Get help through Khan Academy or Tutoring
 - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- **After-School Credit Lab:**
 - Students who are behind in credits or GPA can attend (see your Counselor to enroll).
 - Monday - Thursday, 2:45pm - 5:45pm
 - Room 2-112