

DWYER HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING MONTHLY

OCTOBER 2026



THIS MONTH

- **PSAT/NMSQT:**
 - "Practice"/Preliminary SAT, October 6th and 14th.
 - **11th grade students who registered** will test on **Oct 6th**.
 - 11th grade students who registered have already been notified that their registration is confirmed. *No new 11th grade registrations are being taken at this time.*
 - **All 10th grade students will test October 14th:**
 - October 14th we will be on a [Modified Bell Schedule](#).
- **Spring PBSC Dual Enrollment Registration:**
 - **First-time DE students:** Review this [Dual Enrollment Guide](#) for eligibility criteria and steps to complete.
 - **Returning DE students:** Meet with your school counselor to complete the Authorization Form.
 - Spring term class registration for PBSC begins **Oct 7th**.
 - Deadline to request School Counselor signature on completed Authorization Form is **November 23rd**.
 - Deadline to submit signed Authorization Forms on your PBSC Workday account is **November 30th**.
- **9th, 10th & 11th Grade School Counselor Presentations:**
 - Counselors will present college/career info & grad requirements to 9th & 11th grade students
- **Parent-Teacher Conferences (to meet with 2 or more teachers):**
 - Held every Tuesday at 2:45pm in the Media Center.
 - Contact your student's school counselor at least one week in advance to schedule.
- **College Admission Presentations at Dwyer:**
 - College admissions representatives from a variety of colleges and universities will be on campus over the next two months.
 - The representatives will present to students interested in learning about the institutions & the admission process.
 - 10-12th grade students must sign-up in advance to attend: [College Rep Presentations Sign-up](#)
 - Colleges are added frequently, check the sign-up link often for the most current list and dates.

NCAA INFO FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

- Student-Athletes interested in playing a sport in college are encouraged to register for NCAA eligibility now.
- Click here to register: [NCAA Eligibility Center](#)
- For any questions or status checks, please email tiffany.wilkes@palmbeachschools.org

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

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[Florida Financial Aid Application \(Bright Futures Scholarship\)](#) opens for Seniors.

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[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) opens for Seniors.

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Spring term Dual Enrollment course registration opens for PBSC.

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PSAT for 11th grade students who pre-registered.

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End of the 1st quarter marking period.

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Teacher Work Day - No school for students.

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PSAT for ALL 10th grade students. [Modified Bell Schedule](#).

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1st quarter Report Cards available for view on SIS.

ABSENCES & COURSE CREDIT

Absenteeism, regardless of the reason, negatively affects the continuity of the learning process. State and District policy states that students who are absent (excused or unexcused) for more than 10% of a class must meet the following criteria to earn credit for the semester or EOC class:

- **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:** *Algebra 1, Geometry, Biology, & US History*. If you have 10 or more absences (excused or unexcused) for you must pass the 4th quarter to earn credit.

SAT, ACT, CLT DATES & INFO

Test Type	Test Date	Reg. Deadline
SAT	Oct. 3	Sept. 18
	Nov. 7	Oct. 23
	Dec. 5	Nov. 20
	March 6	Feb. 19
	May 1	April 16
	June 5	May 21
ACT	Oct. 17	Sept. 11
	Dec. 12	Nov. 6
	Feb. 27	Jan. 22
	April 10	March 5
	June 12	May 7
	July 10	June 4
CLT	Oct. 17	Oct. 8
	Nov. 14	Nov. 5
	Dec. 8	Dec. 3
	Jan. 23	Jan. 14
	Feb. 18	Feb. 11

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 (F/R) 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 and Service/Work Hours)

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

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- **X:** @DwyerCounseling

REMINDERS

- **Students can meet with their School Counselors in the Cafeteria during lunch:**
 - 9th grade (last names A-K), Ms. Latour..... Day 1
 - 9th grade (last names L-Z), Dr. Yates..... Day 2
 - 10th grade, Ms. Little..... Day 1
 - 11th grade, Ms. Singh..... Day 2
 - 12th grade (last names A-K), Ms. Wilkes..... Day 1
 - 12th grade (last names L-Z), Ms. Brush..... Day 2
- **Graduation Requirements:**
 - 2.0 GPA (cumulative, unweighted)
 - 24 credits (from required areas)
 - Proficient scores on State Assessments:
 - Grade 10 FAST ELA
 - Algebra 1 EOC
 - 20 Hours of Community/Volunteer Service
- **Join your graduating class' Google Classroom for important info & links:**
 - **Class of 2027:** 4ggmqak
 - **Class of 2028:** 5rzed7z
 - **Class of 2029:** wqy77enb
 - **Class of 2030:** 2536m33w
- **Struggling in a class?**
 - Attend class regularly and on time.
 - Complete/Submit ALL assignments.
 - Get help through Khan Academy.
 - Schedule a Parent-Teacher Conference.
- **Meet with a PBSC advisor at Dwyer:** Receive guidance for Dual Enrollment, career paths application, etc: [Book Appointment Here](#)
- **Submitting Community Service Hours:**
 - In the student's 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](#)
 - [Animal Care & Control](#)
- **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

2026 STATE UNIVERSITY MID-RANGE ADMISSIONS STATS

											
Florida Ag. & Mech. Univ. (FAMU)			Florida Atlantic University (FAU)			Florida Gulf Coast Univ. (FGCU)			Florida International Univ. (FIU)		
	Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall
GPA	3.16 - 3.88	3.69 - 4.25	GPA	3.36 - 4.02	3.78 - 4.35	GPA	3.12 - 4.21	3.79 - 4.54	GPA	3.9 - 4.5	4.1 - 4.6
SAT	1030-1150	1080-1230	SAT	1010-1180	1100-1280	SAT	1020-1160	1070-1240	SAT	1060-1180	1250-1390
ACT	19 - 24	22 - 27	ACT	20 - 25	22 - 28	ACT	19 - 24	21 - 26	ACT	22 - 25	27 - 31
CLT	54 - 73	61 - 73	CLT	81 - 97	87 - 98	CLT	51 - 72	56 - 73	CLT	72 - 82	86 - 93
2 + 2	IGNITE		2 + 2	Link2FAU		2 + 2	Destination FGCU		2 + 2	Connect4Success	
Early Action: November 1st			Early Action: October 15th			Early Action: November 1st			Early Action: November 2nd		

											
Florida Polytechnic Univ. (FLPoly)			Florida State University (FSU)			New College of Florida (NCF)			University of Central Florida (UCF)		
	Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall
GPA	3.96 (avg)	3.48-3.86	GPA	4.1 - 4.5	4.3 - 4.6	GPA	N/A	3.7 - 4.3	GPA	3.98 - 4.38	4.11 - 4.57
SAT	1130 (avg)	1206 (avg)	SAT	1280-1370	1370-1460	SAT	N/A	1060-1240	SAT	1190-1240	1310-1430
ACT	23 (avg)	27 (avg)	ACT	28-30	30 - 33	ACT	N/A	22 - 27	ACT	24 - 27	28 - 32
CLT	Too few	76 (avg)	CLT	Too few	Too few	CLT	N/A	63 - 83	CLT	81 - 88	92 - 100
2 + 2	N/A		2 + 2	Aspire Transfer Program		2 + 2	Guaranteed Admit Prog.		2 + 2	Direct Connect to UCF	
Early Action: November 15th			Early Decision & Early Action: Oct. 15th			Early Action: November 1st			Early Action: October 15th		

											
University of Florida (UF)			University of North Florida (UNF)			University of South Florida (USF)			University of West Florida (UWF)		
	Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall		Summer	Fall
GPA	4.5 - 4.7	4.5 - 4.7	GPA	3.23 - 3.71	4.0 - 4.53	GPA	3.61 - 4.18	4.03 - 4.55	GPA	3.47 - 4.08	3.58 - 4.22
SAT	1260-1410	1390-1510	SAT	960-1140	1100-1300	SAT	1110-1220	1260-1410	SAT	990-1200	1020-1230
ACT	28-32	31 - 34	ACT	18 - 24	22 - 28	ACT	23 - 26	27 - 31	ACT	19 - 25	20 - 27
CLT	Too few	Too few	CLT	49 - 63	51 - 75	CLT	71 - 85	86 - 97	CLT	57 - 68	48 - 69
2 + 2	Gator Engineering: Design & Construct		2 + 2	Transfer2UNF		2 + 2	FUSE		2 + 2	2UWF	
Early Dec: Oct. 15th; Early Action: Nov. 1st			Early Action: November 1st			Early Action: November 2nd			Scholarship Consideration: December 1st		

COLLEGE INFORMATION FOR SENIORS



College Applications:

- Most college applications can be completed via the [Common App](#).
- Know your colleges' application deadlines (some Early Action deadlines are as early as October 15th)!
- Need a Counselor Recommendation Letter? [Counselor Recommendation Form](#)
- Need to submit Transcripts? [Transcript Request Form](#)
- Need to complete the STARS? (formerly SSAR) [STARS-Dwyer Help Sheet Link](#)
- Need help with your college applications? Sign-up here for our [College Application Labs](#)
- **After you have applied:** CHECK YOUR EMAIL regularly for messages from your colleges with their portal login information.
 - View all of your college portals WEEKLY for any missing application items and for decision notifications.

Bright Futures Scholarship – Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA):

- Click here to apply: [Bright Futures Scholarship](#) (application opens October 1st).

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®):

- The [2027-2028 FAFSA form](#) (opens October 1st).
- Here are some resources to help you get ready to apply:
 - [Create a StudentAid.gov account](#) (if you don't already have one).
 - Learn about the [documents you may need to fill out the FAFSA form](#).
 - Determine your [dependency status](#) and whether your parent(s) are required to contribute info on your FAFSA form.
 - If you're a dependent student, use the [Who's My FAFSA Parent? wizard](#) to identify which parent(s) will be a required contributor on your form.

Scholarship & Financial Aid Links:

- [Palm Beach County School District Scholarship & Financial Aid page](#)