

William T. Dwyer High School

Choice Programs Open House
November 7, 2023



Program

- Welcome
- Dwyer Opportunities
- Application Process
- Academy Breakout Sessions
 - Session 1 6:35 - 7:00
 - Session 2 7:05 - 7:30
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Opportunities at Dwyer

- Diverse Curriculum Options
- College Credit Courses (AICE Diploma, IB Diploma, AP Courses & Dual Enrollment)
- AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
- Career, Music and Fine Arts Programs
- Student Involvement (Clubs and Organizations for every interest)
- Athletics (Boys and Girls, Freshman to Varsity levels)
- Community and Business Partners
- Parent Involvement Organizations



Clubs and Organizations

Academic Teams

Anime & Gaming Club

Association of Student Athletes

Be the Change

Best Buddies

Black Student Union

Board Game Design

Book Club

Band

Chess Club

Chorus

Environmental Club

First Priority

Florida Future Educators of America (FFEA)

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)

Girls Supporting Girls

Glamour Gals

Helping Hearts

Hope Ambassadors

IB Student Union

JROTC Raider Team

Key Club

Multicultural Club

Panther Spirit Club

Public Address Guild Society (Announcers Club)

Robotics Club

Spanish Club

Speech & Debate

Students Against Melanoma (SAM)

Yearbook

4 the Beach



National Honor Societies

American Sign Language Honor
Society (ASL)

English Honor Society

French National Honor Society

National Arts Honor Society

National Business Honor
Society

National Honor Society
(NHS)

Science Honor Society

Spanish National Honor
Society

Tri-M Music National Honor
Society



Athletics

Fall

Bowling
Cross Country (Boys & Girls)
Football
Golf (Boys & Girls)
Swimming & Diving
Volleyball (Girls)

Winter

Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Competitive Cheer (Boys & Girls)
Soccer (Boys & Girls)
Weightlifting (Girls)
Wrestling

Spring

Baseball
Beach Volleyball (Girls)
Flag Football (Girls)
Lacrosse (Boys & Girls)
Softball
Track & Field (Boys & Girls)
Tennis (Boys & Girls)
Volleyball (Boys)
Water Polo (Girls)
Weightlifting (Boys)



Cambridge AICE Diploma

Learners have to achieve a minimum of seven credits to achieve the Diploma.

A compulsory core of AS Level Global Perspectives & Research is awarded one credit.

Group 4 is optional; a maximum of two credits from subjects in this group can count towards the Diploma.



AICE Diploma: Courses By Group

GROUP 1: MATH AND SCIENCE

AS MARINE SCIENCE
A MARINE SCIENCE
AS PSYCHOLOGY (1 OR 3)
A PSYCHOLOGY (1 OR 3)
AS ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT (1 OR 3)

GROUP 2: LANGUAGES

AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE
A ENGLISH LANGUAGE
AS SPANISH LANGUAGE

GROUP 3: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

AS HISTORY (INTERNATIONAL)
AS PSYCHOLOGY (1 OR 3)
A PSYCHOLOGY (1 OR 3)
AS SOCIOLOGY
AS TRAVEL & TOURISM
AS ENGLISH LITERATURE
A ENGLISH LITERATURE
AS BUSINESS
A BUSINESS
AS DIGITAL MEDIA & DESIGN
AS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
(1 OR 3)

GROUP 4: INTERDISCIPLINARY (OPTIONAL)

AS GENERAL PAPER
AS THINKING SKILLS

REQUIRED CORE COURSE

AS GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES



Advancement Via Individual Determination

- AVID is an 4 year program that is offered as elective class, and is focused on college and career readiness for students in the academic middle.
- AVID is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school.
- AVID students are those who want to take rigorous courses (ex: honors, AICE, AP, Dual Enrollment) in order to be competitive with their peers when applying to college, but may need extra support to reach their full potential.
- AVID students are supported by learning:
 - note-taking skills
 - study skills
 - time management
 - organization
 - goal setting
 - critical thinking skills
 - cooperative learning
 - participating in tutorials
 - resume writing
 - support with scholarship and college applications
 - and so much more!
- AVID students can **also** be enrolled in other academies and programs.



AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination



Eligibility:

- Earned As, Bs and Cs in middle school classes
- Desire to go to college or other post-secondary study paths
- Ability to maintain enrollment in college prep courses, but may need extra support to reach their full potential (ex: Honors, Dual Enrollment, AICE, and/or AP Classes)
- Hard working and/or eager to learn and grow
- May be first in family to go to college
- May be historically underserved in four-year colleges
- Must submit an application
- Must participate in an interview after submitting an application

For more information contact Ms. Samartino, AVID Coordinator
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[AVID Video](#)



[AVID Application](#)

In-House Academies

(students zoned for Dwyer)

- Academy of Construction
- Army JROTC Academy
- Culinary Arts Academy



Academy of Construction

- Prepares students for college and employment in the Building Construction Industry
- Training occurs in classroom lab/workshop and off campus opportunities
- Technical and Production Skills
- Architecture, Engineering, Planning
- HBI Industry Certification available



Army JROTC Academy

Provides developmental courses in:

- ❑ Leadership Theory
- ❑ Drill and Ceremonies
- ❑ Techniques of Oral Communication, Marksmanship and Safety
- ❑ Service JROTC Opportunities

No obligation to enlist in the armed forces.

Successful completion of program allows entry into the armed forces up to two pay grades higher than other enlistees.



Culinary Arts Academy

- ▣ Provides training for careers in the field of food service and preparation
- ▣ Catering, Restaurant Management, Nutrition, and Menu Development
- ▣ Opportunity for on the job training junior and senior year
- ▣ Industry Certification: ServeSafe Food Safety Manager & ServeSafe Food Protection Manager



Course Plan Considerations

- Seven (7) Courses
- State Graduation Requirements
- Academy Enrollment Requirements
- Academic Requirements for College and University Admission
- High School Athletic Eligibility Requirements (FHSAA)
- Additional elective and art interests



Curriculum Options and GPA Weighting

Regular

A = 4.0 B = 3.0 C = 2.0 D = 1.0 F = 0

Honors, Pre-IB, & Pre-AICE

A = 4.5 B = 3.375 C = 2.25 D = 1.125 F = 0

Advanced Placement (AP) College Board

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

International Baccalaureate (IB)

Dual Enrollment

A = 6.0 B = 4.5 C = 3.0 D = 1.5 F = 0



Choice Academies

(lottery application)

- Academy of Finance
- Early Childhood Teacher Education Academy
- International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme



Eligibility Requirements

Academy of Finance – GPA 2.5

Early Childhood Teacher Education – GPA 2.5

International Baccalaureate – GPA 3.0

- Highly Recommended Algebra 1
- Recommended Spanish 1 or French 1

Grade Point Average

- Fourth nine-weeks 7th Grade
- First and second nine-weeks 8th Grade
- All classes (no added weight for advanced courses)

Private, home school and out of county schools must upload report card documents to the online application.



Application Process

Applications Due to School District Office – **January 26, 2024**

Submit application online: <https://mypbchoiceapp.com>

Remember your email and login information

Consider before applying

- Student interest and academic experience
- Eligibility
- Home School (Duplicate & In-House Academies)
- Transportation address entered matches address on file with current school
- Select two choices (Rank first and second)
- Only one application accepted



Assignment Process

Lottery assignment status will be posted on the parent dashboard at www.mypbchoiceapp.com in April.

Students assigned to Dwyer will receive registration and course selection information via email.

All assigned students must accept or decline assigned seat on parent dashboard and return signed contracts to secure seat.

What if I am in the Wait Pool?

District Choice Office monitors and assigns students in the Wait Pool.



Additional Information

Dwyer Website

<https://www.palmbeachschools.org/WilliamTDwyerHigh>

SDPBC Choice and Career Options Office

[https://www.palmbeachschools.org/departments/choice and career options](https://www.palmbeachschools.org/departments/choice_and_career_options)

College Board (Advanced Placement)

<https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/>

International Baccalaureate (IB)

<https://www.ibo.org/>

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE)

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-advanced/cambridge-aice-diploma/>

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Contact Information

If you have any further questions, please email the director or coordinator.

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Break-Out Sessions

Learn more about each of our Choice Programs by attending break-out sessions tonight!

- Session 1: 6:35pm - 7:00pm
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Academy of Finance:	Cafeteria
Early Childhood Teacher Education Academy:	Room 6-105
IB Program:	Auditorium

