



William T. Dwyer High School
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MISSION STATEMENT

The staff of William T. Dwyer High School is committed to providing a world-class education with excellence and equity to empower each student to reach his or her highest potential with the most effective staff to foster the knowledge, skills, and ethics required for responsible citizenship and productive careers.

VISION STATEMENT

The staff of William T. Dwyer High School envisions a dynamic collaborative multi-cultural community where education and lifelong learning are valued and supported, and all learners reach their highest potential and succeed in the global economy.

ADMINISTRATION:

Corey Brooks, *Principal*
Shannon Farrell, *Assistant Principal*
Michael Smith, *Assistant Principal*
Tiffany Wilkes, *Assistant Principal*
Brenda Winfrey, *Assistant Principal*
Paul Wojciechowski, *Assistant Principal*

WILLIAM T. DWYER HIGH SCHOOL

William T. Dwyer High School is a four-year comprehensive public high school, accredited by the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**. Enrollment is approximately 2,452 students in grades 9-12. William T. Dwyer High School is recognized by the Florida Department of Education as a 5 Star School.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Successful completion of 24 credits including:

- English** - 4 credits
- Algebra 1** – 1 credit
- Geometry** - 1 credit
- Math** - 2 credits
- Physical Science** - 1 credit
- Biology** - 1 credit
- Science Elective** - 1 credit
- World History** - 1 credit
- U.S. History** - 1 credit
- Economics** - 1/2 credit
- American Government** - 1/2 credit
- Personal Fitness** - 1/2 credit
- P.E. Elective** - 1/2 credit
- Fine/Practical Art** - 1 credit

General Electives - 8 credits

Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average = 2.0
Minimum Community Service = 20 hours
Literacy Performance Standard-Demonstrated
Mathematical Performance Standard-Demonstrated

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT:

Sulimar DeJesus
Towanda Little
Donna Masterson
Bonnie Moon
Janel Yates *Director of School Counseling*

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100 - 4.0
B = 80-89 - 3.0
C = 70-79 - 2.0
D = 60-69 - 1.0
F = 0-50 - 0

GPA – calculated on a 4.0 scale using all semester grades

HPA – is the GPA weighted for Honors, AP, AICE and IB courses

RANK – includes all members of the class and is based on *weighted* GPA

VALUES

Regular courses=Numerical Grade x 1.0
Honors courses=Numerical Grade x 1.125
AP/Dual Enrollment/IB/AICE=Numerical Grade x 1.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT & AICE COURSES

Art-Studio 2D Design Portfolio, Art History, Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Chemistry I, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Language & Composition, Literature & Composition, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Spanish Language, Statistics, US Government, United States History, United State Government and Politics, AICE Business AS & A, AICE Digital Media & Design, AICE English Language AS & A, AICE Environmental Management, AICE General Paper, AICE Global Perspective I AS, AICE International History, AICE Literature AS & A, AICE Marine Science AS & A, AS, AICE Psychology, AICE Sociology, AICE Thinking Skills, AICE Travel & Tourism

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

AVERAGE ACT SCORES 2020-2021-Number of Participants: 14

English = 22, Mathematics = 23, Reading = 23, Science = 23, **Composite = 22.7**

AVERAGE SAT SCORES 2020-2021-Number of Participants: 638

Evidence-Based Reading/Writing = 547, Mathematics = 530, **Composite = 1076**

CHOICE ACADEMIES

ACADEMY OF FINANCE

The Academy of Finance was established in 1992 as one of the first Magnet Programs in Palm Beach County. It is one of several model programs established to promote educational excellence by the National Academy Foundation. NAF was founded by Sanford L. Weill, Chairman Emeritus of Citigroup Inc., as a partnership between business leaders and educators. This partnership links education and the community.

ARMY JUNIOR ROTC

This program provides courses in leadership theory, drill and ceremonies, first aid, map reading, land navigation and oral communication. The purpose is to develop good citizenship, patriotism, self-reliance and leadership. The emphasis is to promote responsiveness to constituted authority and develop skills in oral and written communication. An appreciation of the importance of physical fitness is included in this program.

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER EDUCATION

This program provides an opportunity for high school students to prepare for entry into post-secondary education, as well as direct entry into a related child care career upon graduation. Early Childhood Professional Certification is available through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME

William T. Dwyer High School is an IB World School authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization. The IB Diploma Programme is an academically challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepare students for success at the university level and life beyond. This is a challenging program that demands the best from highly motivated students.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFERED

AICE DIPLOMA

The Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Diploma is an international curriculum and examination system that emphasizes the value of broad and balanced study. Alongside in-depth understanding of a variety of subjects, students also need to master a broader range of skills critical for success in university study and employment.

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION

AVID ELECTIVE (4 years)

The AVID Elective is an academic system that identifies students in the middle who have a desire to go to college and have the willingness to work hard. AVID Elective students are usually the first in their families to attend a 4 year college, coming from groups that are traditionally underrepresented in higher education. Students in this academic elective class are encouraged to take honors and college courses.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Four year College/University – 45%

Two year College – 35%

Vocational/Military – 10%

Workforce-10%

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