



James Bowie High School

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Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Greetings Bulldog Nation,

I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer break. Even though most of the campus is still closed due to construction, we are working to prepare for school in the fall. I am excited to announce some changes for the next school year.

We have **two new assistant principals** joining our Bowie team - Paulette Walls and Aaron Vohl! Ms. Paulette Walls will also be developing our P-Tech Programs at JBHS. Ms. Walls has most recently served as the interim principal at LBJ Early College High School and was an academy director and assistant principal there for six years. Paulette previously taught for five years at Paredes Middle School, where she also served as interim principal. In Ms. Walls's 20 years in AISD, she has also been an administrator at Gorzycki and Burnett Middle Schools. Mr. Aaron Vohl is returning to Bowie after four years as an assistant principal at Austin High and three years at Bedichek Middle School. In his previous time at Bowie, Mr. Vohl was an instructional coach, as well as a science teacher and swimming coach for eight years. Please help me welcome both administrators to JBHS!

School counselors are an important part of the educational leadership team and provide valuable assistance to all students during their time in school. At high school, counselors have an impact on these years by implementing a comprehensive school counseling program and collaborating with school staff, parents and the community to create a safe and respectful learning environment. In order to better serve our students in developing a relationship that supports all four years of high school, **all counselors will now serve their students in grades nine through twelve!** New alpha assignments for counselors and assistant principals will be released as we get closer to the start of school.

The AISD Board of Trustees approved and adopted a **revised student dress code** on June 17, 2019. The new policy is based on five key principles, with an ultimate goal of safe and inclusive learning environments. Austin ISD's student dress code supports equitable educational access and is written in a manner that does not reinforce stereotypes. To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently and in a manner that does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, age, immigration status, or any other basis prohibited by law, that adversely affects the student.

Students shall be dressed and groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not be a health or safety hazard to themselves or others.

General Guidelines

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.

- Clothes must be worn in a way such that specific body parts are fully covered with opaque fabric.
- All items listed in the "must wear" and "may wear" categories below must meet this basic principle.

2. Students Must Wear*, while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:

- A shirt (with fabric that touches the waistband in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), AND
- Pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), AND
- Shoes.

3. Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:

- Religious headwear
- Hats facing straight forward or straight back and must allow the face and ears to be visible to staff and not interfere with the line of sight
- Hoodie sweatshirts (wearing the hood over head is allowed, but the face and ears must be visible to school staff)
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps
- Halter tops
- Athletic attire

4. Students Cannot Wear:

- Violent language or images
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity). or any other substance prohibited under FNCF(LEGAL)
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded)
- Swimsuits (except as required in class, field trips, or athletic practice see “Extracurricular Activities”)
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon
- Any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance)

[Read the full Dress Code.](#)

Enjoy your summer break!

Sincerely,

Mark Robinson
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