



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

June 15, 2020

Dear Bulldog Nation,

We are excited to announce Austin ISD will hold **in-person graduation walks on June 23-25** to further celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates. Following social distancing guidelines, the AISD Class of 2020 will have the opportunity to walk across the stage in their cap and gown and celebrate with loved ones. The graduation walks will take place in an outdoor setting at a specific time, date, and place for each school. **Bowie is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, at Toney Burger Center.** Graduates have been assigned staggered times to arrive. Each graduate is allowed four guests from the same household to attend the walk, however the event will be otherwise closed to spectators. Safety protocols will be in place with staff members onsite providing direction.

Graduates will hear their name announced, pick up their diploma cover, and walk across the stage as their guests cheer. The walks are being offered **in addition to the virtual graduation ceremony** scheduled for Monday, June 15, and Tuesday, June 16, on [AISD.TV](https://www.austinsd.org), and on the district Facebook page. Because we cannot guarantee that an indoor graduation ceremony will comply with health guidelines, **the August graduation ceremonies scheduled for Aug. 10-13, 2020 at the Frank Erwin Center are canceled.** Currently the district is planning to deliver diplomas to students through the mail.

Questions about Bowie's ceremony can be directed to Bowie counselor Liana Cox ([liana.cox@austinsd.org](mailto:liana.cox@austinsd.org)). Specific information such as arrival times and other instructions are outlined in the [letter that was sent to seniors and their parents on June 10](#). We are glad we can come together virtually and in-person to celebrate the successes of our #AISDProud Class of 2020! For more information, visit [austinsd.org/graduation](https://www.austinsd.org/graduation).

Graduating seniors, or anyone else not returning to Austin ISD in the fall, **should turn in their district-issued Chromebook, charger, and case to one of the AISD drop off sites.** The equipment can be turned in Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, at either Crockett High School (5601 Menchaca Rd) or the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center (1500 Barbara Jordan Blvd.).

**Austin ISD students in grades 6-11 are invited to provide feedback** as the district considers possibilities for the 2020-21 school year. In planning, the health and wellness of students, staff, and families will continue to be a top priority. Feedback from students who engaged with continuous learning practices during spring semester will provide valuable information. The confidential [survey will take five to 10 minutes to complete](#) (students must enter their student ID number to access the survey).

Survey questions will focus on the student experience, including:

- How supported they have felt these past few months,
- What their greatest needs may be,
- What they need to learn to their best ability,
- What concerns they may have regarding the possibility of returning to school

Families with students **NEW to AISD, including pre-kindergarten, are encouraged to [online register](#)** their students for the upcoming school year. If online registration is not possible, parents/guardians can request a hard-copy of the registration packet by calling the Parent Support Line at 512-414-9187 or emailing [registration@austinisd.org](mailto:registration@austinisd.org).

Families with **students CURRENTLY ENROLLED in AISD** and planning to return for the upcoming school year should register using the AISD Student Registration tile in their AISD Parent Cloud account (click [HERE](#) for more information). Registrations will be processed throughout the summer.

Until we can meet at the tree,

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