



James Bowie High School

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Thursday, May 24, 2018

Dear Parents and/or Guardians of the Bowie Vertical Team,

Austin ISD has become a District of Innovation (DOI), a designation that allows schools to adjust their schedules and calendars to meet the needs of the school community. As part of the DOI, the Bowie Vertical Team submitted a proposal to change the official start time of their Elementary Schools and provide extra professional development days for our teachers for all our campuses. The Bowie DOI plan was discussed with the members of each school's Campus Advisory Committee, as well as community members and staff. The proposal was then submitted and approved by AISD's Leadership Team. Our Vertical Team opted to align the elementary start/end times and the professional development days with the Akins Vertical Team for consistency of South Austin schools.

Starting August 20, 2018, the following changes will be made for the Bowie Vertical Team.:

- All Bowie Vertical Team Elementary Schools (Baldwin, Baranoff, Clayton, Cowan, Kiker, and Mills) will begin at **7:40 a.m.** each day. The warning bell will ring at **7:35 a.m.** and students will be counted tardy if not in classrooms by 7:40 a.m. Students will be released each day at **3:00 p.m.**
- Bailey and Gorzycki start time and end time will remain the same.
- Bowie High School start time and end time will remain the same.

This slight adjustment in our start/end time will allow us to add four additional days of professional development for our staff, which will allow our teachers to collaborate on lessons, analyze data, and engage in professional learning in order to better serve our students. On these days students will not be in attendance at school.

The professional development dates are:

- All Bowie Vertical Team Elementary Schools: September 24th, January 3rd and 4th, and February 15th.
- Bailey and Gorzycki Middle School: September 24th, January 3rd and 4th, and February 15th.
- Bowie High School: October 5th, January 3rd and 4th, and February 15th.

If you have concerns, comments or questions please feel free call your school's principal.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson, Principal

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