



## 2019-20 Welcome Back Information Bowie High School

*The entire Bowie staff is very excited to start the new school year and welcome students to Bulldog Nation! We are looking forward to all of the academic and extracurricular opportunities and programs that the school year brings. This document should provide most of the information a student will need prior to the first day of school, but please don't hesitate to contact the Bowie main office at 512-414-5247 if you have additional questions. We look forward to seeing everyone on the first day of school!*

**First Day of School:** 9am - 4:30pm, Tuesday, August 20th

### **Student Arrival and Departure:**

- Construction has impacted Bowie's normal arrival and departure procedures. Carefully review [student parking and parent drop off solutions](#) to be in place from August 20-September 2
- **Student parking** - Only students with permits may park on campus, at Bethany, or Westoak Woods (non-permitted vehicles in these lots will be towed). Student parking permits are sold out for the 2019-20 school year. There are a very limited number of parking spaces along Wolfrap that do not require a permit. Parking in nearby neighborhoods or businesses will put students at risk for towing.
- **Parent drop-off/pick-up** - Traffic will be VERY heavy the first couple weeks of school. If possible in the first days, consider carpooling with a friend or neighbor. Thru August 30th, parents will enter the campus at Slaughter Lane and exit at Wolfrap. Parents will be directed to pull forward, past the walkway/canopy to a designated drop off area. Students should exit the vehicle quickly and then walk along the sidewalk back towards the walkway/canopy to the main entrance of the building. To assist in clearing cars quickly, text your student if possible at the 4:30 release to let them know where you are waiting to pick them up.
- **Bus Transportation** - Busses will drop off students in the morning at the back of the school. Students exiting the busses must enter the campus through the back gates of the central courtyard. Buses will be staged around the perimeter at the back of the campus at the end of the day. In anticipation of increased ridership this year, additional routes have been added. Ridership will be monitored each day and additional routes will be added, if necessary. Use the link [here](#) to find your student's bus stop.
- **Veloway** - the veloway at Circle C Metropolitan Park is a wheels-only park. Students are not allowed to walk through the veloway to enter campus. Austin ISD police and the park rangers will respond to reports of student foot traffic on the veloway.

### **Bell Schedule on the First Day of School:**

9:00-9:22 Advisory

9:28-10:58 5th Period

Resume Regular B-Day [Bell Schedule](#)

## Upon Arrival on the First Day of School:

- **Navigating the campus** - Staff members and signs will be directing students as they arrive on campus. Detailed campus maps will be posted and distributed to students as they arrive. Click [here](#) to see a general layout of the campus (for security purposes Bowie does not share detailed maps with room numbers in public forums).
- **Report to Advisory** - All students will report to their Advisory class by 9:00am. Students will find their Advisory class by checking the rosters posted in front of the library and in the fine arts foyer. Students can also log in TEAMS through their AISD Student Cloud account at [my.austinisd.org](http://my.austinisd.org) to find their Advisory teacher and classroom location (default username = Capital S + Student ID, default password = Capital of Last Name + 6 digit birthdate + lowercase "s")
- **Class Schedules** - Students will pick-up their official schedule in their Advisory class. Per AISD policy, students who do NOT attend Advisory and pick up the official hard copy of their schedule will be considered "no shows" and subsequently withdrawn, requiring students to go to the office and "re-enroll" in order to attend classes. To be admitted to their class each period, students will be asked to show their official hard-copy schedule.
  - **IMPORTANT NOTE** - The schedule that appears in TEAMS prior to the first day of school is **unofficial!** The class periods, room numbers, and teachers may change multiple times and at the last minute due to balancing of class sizes, new student registration, and for other reasons. Students will receive their **official** schedules in their Advisory class. Students do NOT need to print and should NOT follow the unofficial schedule from TEAMS.
- **Student Sharing Program Students** - Students who participate in the Student Sharing program and begin the day at another campus will report to the main office upon their arrival to Bowie to pick up the hard-copy of their schedule.
- **Advisory Activities**
  - **August 20:** In addition to receiving their official schedule, students will be shown a video with information about campus and first-day procedures.
  - **August 21-21:** Students will go to their Advisory class during FIT for the remainder of the first week of school to watch videos and receive information and instruction about several important topics, policies, and campus initiatives.
- **What to wear and what to bring:** Because the hallways at Bowie are not climate-controlled and because HVAC repairs are currently being completed, students should be prepared for warm temperatures. There are no supply lists per se; some courses may require specific supplies that will be noted in the syllabus posted in BLEND. Notebook paper or a spiral and pen/pencil is adequate for the first few days of school. Students are encouraged to bring their school-issued Chromebook or personal laptop, if they have one. Some pre-AP and AP courses may expect students to bring summer work and/or their graphing calculator (check the summer work instructions for each course).

## Yearbook Pictures & Student ID Badges

- **Student ID Badges** - Students are required to wear an ID badge at all times while at school. Enforcement of this policy will begin on 9/2 once ID badges and lanyards have been distributed.
- **Pictures**
  - Students will take their yearbook picture and have their ID badge made during their English class (Juniors & Seniors on 8/27 or 8/28 and Freshmen & Sophomores on 8/29 or 8/30).

- To purchase photo packages go to [www.phototexasphotography.com/ordering](http://www.phototexasphotography.com/ordering) and enter code 1920-0025 or click [here](#).
- **Yearbook** - The yearbook can be purchased at <http://www.bowieyb.com/buy-your-yearbook-now.html>

### Technology:

- **Laptops/Chromebooks** - Beginning on Monday, 8/26, all students will be required to bring a fully charged computer with a minimum 10" screen to school. Bowie prefers students use AISD-issued Chromebooks in order to access the programs and applications only available on AISD devices.
  - **Consent form** - Submission of a parent consent form is required prior to checking out a Chromebook. The form can be submitted via the parent's AISD Cloud account ([my.austinisd.org](http://my.austinisd.org)) or as a hard-copy (click [here](#) to access the hard-copy).
  - **Freshmen Chromebooks** - Chromebooks will be issued to 9th grade students through their Biology class on either 8/22 or 8/23.
  - **10th, 11th, and 12th Grade Chromebooks** - If a student is new to Bowie or now wishes to check out a Chromebook they should go to the A-Hall technology room before school or during lunch on 8/22 or 8/23 (parent consent form required).
  - **Default Login:** username = Capital S + Student ID#, password = Capital of Last Name + 6 digit birthdate + lowercase "s"
- **Chromebook Repairs** - Students needing immediate repairs to their Chromebook can bring it to the A-Hall technology room before school or during lunch on 8/22 or 8/23. Moving forward, students should bring Chromebooks needing repair to Ms. Theis in the main office or sign-up for a FIT session with Ms. Theis.
- **Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Policy** - click [here](#) to see Bowie's new technology policy

### Lunch Information:

- The student body is divided into two lunches on both A-Days & B-Days. A student's lunchtime is determined by his/her 2nd period class on A-Day and his/her 6th period class on B-Day. The classes assigned to First Lunch or Second Lunch are noted at the bottom of the [Bell Schedule](#).
- Only Seniors are allowed off-campus privileges during lunch.
- Student lunch costs \$2.85, and the lines may be longer the first few days of school.
- Students are invited to eat in the cafeteria, the fine arts building, the courtyard, or in the C/D Hallway of the Academic Building.
- **Lunch accounts** - Parents can create or manage their student's lunch account through [www.schoolcafe.com](http://www.schoolcafe.com), or by downloading the SchoolCafé mobile application, available on [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices. Through SchoolCafé, parents can make payments, view purchase history, receive low balance alerts, apply for free or reduced price meals and view school menus.

### Parent To-Do Items:

- Please consider completing the [Free or Reduced-Priced Meals application](#) (hard-copy available in the Bowie main office). Return the forms to school with your student to turn-in to either the Advisory teacher or the main office. Those who qualify for the Free or Reduced-Price Meal program are also eligible for significant discounts on the SAT exam and AP exams. If you think there is a chance your family may qualify, please take a few minutes to complete the form.
- Set-up your own [AISD Parent Cloud](#) account (using your student's cloud login information will prevent you from accessing important parent resources and information). The AISD Parent Cloud

is used to check your student's attendance and grades, set your contact preferences, access your child's course information in BLEND, submit the Chromebook consent form, and more.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Don't forget **Bulldogs and Hotdogs** is Saturday, September 14th from 5-8pm in the courtyard. This event is for students, parents, future bulldogs and the entire Bowie community! For more information, please visit:  
<http://www.bowieptsa.org/#!/bulldogshotdogs/c24vq>
- Parents are invited to meet their child's teachers and attend general information sessions on a variety of topics during **Back-to-School Night** on Wednesday, September 4th, 6:00-7:30pm. Due to parking constraints, Bowie will also be offering a virtual Back-to-School Night format to allow parents to enjoy the event from anywhere. More information to come!

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

**It is the expectation that all students including seniors WELCOME and assist ALL students new to Bowie, including incoming freshmen! Any behavior other than this will NOT be tolerated. Items that are not for EDUCATIONAL purposes or that are derogatory, harassing and/or belittling in nature will NOT be allowed. Any attire or accessories that refer to fishing or fish representing 9th grade students is not appropriate and will be collected if brought to school.**

# **Welcome to Bowie**

