

WELCOME BACK, BULLDOGS!



First Day of School Monday, August 14, 2023

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Student Arrival and Departure

Please reference the [Traffic Flow Map](#)

- **Traffic congestion** - Traffic around campus will be VERY congested the first couple weeks of school. If possible, parents should consider carpooling, allowing extra time for drop off and pick up, and/or encouraging their child to ride the bus if on the bus route.
- **Entrances** - Students who arrive by car/bike or walk to school will access the campus at the front canopy. Students who arrive by bus will be dropped off at the rear of the campus and enter through the courtyard back gates. For security reasons, students should never enter the campus through one of the exterior doors or open an exterior door for someone attempting to access the campus. Starting on Tuesday, August 15, students will be required to show their student ID upon entering the campus.
- **Student drivers/parking** - Only juniors and seniors with permits may park on the Bowie campus or in the student annex parking area at Bethany Lutheran Church (non-permitted vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense). There are a very limited number of parking spaces along Wolftrap that do not require a permit. Parking in nearby neighborhoods will put students at risk for towing.
- **Parent drop-off/pick-up** - All parents/guardians must enter and exit the campus via the traffic light at Slaughter Lane. **The Wolftrap Drive entrance is only for buses, faculty, and students permitted for the**

garage. Parents/guardians attempting to enter campus from Wolf Trap will be redirected to the Slaughter Lane entrance. When dropped off, students should exit the vehicle quickly at the curb and then walk along the sidewalk towards the main canopy to the main entrance to the courtyard. To assist in clearing cars quickly at the end of the day, parents should text their child to let them know where in the loop they are located.

- **Bus Transportation** - Buses will drop off students in the morning at the back of the school. Students exiting the buses 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. Click [HERE](#) for the Bus Stop Finder to identify the student’s assigned bus. For timeline information about the location of the student’s assigned bus along the route, use the [WheresTheBus app](#).
- **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.

Where to Go When You Get to School

Day 1 Modified Bell Schedule

9:05-9:40 Advisory
9:46-11:07 1st Period
11:13-4:35 Resume Regular Bell Schedule
4:30 9th Grade Release
4:35 Release for Grades 10-12

Day 2-5 Bell Schedule

9:05-10:35 5th period on T/Th/F, 1st on W
10:41-11:07 Advisory during FIT
11:13-4:35 Resume Regular Bell Schedule
4:00 Fri only 9th Grade Spirit Training

- **Navigating the Campus** - Staff members and student leaders will be directing students and helping them locate classrooms as they arrive on campus throughout the first few days of school. Students may also reference the campus map linked under “Helpful Documents” or scan one of the QR Codes posted around campus to access a map of the campus.
- **Report to Advisory** - All students should report to Advisory by 9:05 am on the first day of school. Students will find their Advisory class by checking the rosters posted in front of the library. The student’s advisory class is also listed on their schedule in the [Student Self-Serve tile](#) in the AISD Portal.
- **Day 1 Advisory Activities**
 - **Student Hosts** - Freshmen students will be welcomed by their Advisory teacher and two upperclassmen Student Hosts. The Student Hosts will help facilitate introductions between students, be available to answer questions, and make sure that every student has a plan for lunch so no one dines alone and students can start making new friends.
 - **Welcome Message & First Day Instructions** - Students will watch a welcome video, determine which lunch they have, review the bell schedule, connect their personal devices to the Wifi, and complete other housekeeping tasks so they know what to expect the rest of the day.

- **Class Schedules** - Students will receive an official hard-copy 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!** Students will receive their **official** schedules in their Advisory class.
- **Day 1 Schedule & Freshman Early Release** - Monday, August 14, is an A-Day, meaning that students will attend periods 1-4. After Advisory, students will proceed to their 1st period class, followed by lunch and 2nd period, 3rd period, and 4th period. We will release freshmen from their 4th period class at 4:30, so they can have a few extra minutes to locate their bus or parent.
- **Day 2 and Beyond** - Starting on Tuesday, August 15 and continuing through Friday, August 18, students will follow the regular A/B calendar and bell schedule, **reporting to their Advisory class during the FIT period.** On Friday, August 18, freshman classes will be released at 4:00 to attend a Spirit Training pep rally in the Competition Gym until the final bell. Students will attend the FIT class of their choice for the first time on Monday, August 21, so they will be guided to sign up prior to that day.

stuff to know

- **What to Wear and What to Bring:** Although the classrooms are climate-controlled, the hallways are not, so students should dress for warm temperatures during passing periods and possibly during lunch if they choose to eat outside. There are no supply lists per se; some courses may require specific supplies that will be noted in the syllabus posted in BLEND. Austin ISD will distribute Chromebooks within the first two weeks of school. Once obtained, students should bring their Chromebook or personal laptop with charger every day. It’s also advised that students bring personal headphones to access digital content. Notebook paper or a spiral and pen/pencil is adequate for the first few days of school. Students should also bring a refillable water bottle each day. Some Advanced and AP courses may expect students to bring summer work and/or their graphing calculator (check the [summer work instructions](#) for each course).
- **Bowie Baseline Expectations** - Bowie's [Baseline Expectations](#) were recently developed as a means to promote positive behavior. Four key practices will be implemented by every staff member and in every classroom to support campus safety and to help students stay focused on learning. We appreciate your support in promoting and reinforcing these expectations.
- **Student ID Badges** - Students are required to wear an ID badge at all times while at school, and they will be given their ID and lanyard in Advisory on the first day of school. Enforcement of this policy will begin August 15. Students will take their yearbook picture and have their ID badge made during their

English class on August 20 or 21. To purchase yearbook photo packages go to

<https://home.cady.com/welcome/>

- There is a \$5 fee to replace a lost ID badge. Parents/guardians may consider adding money to their child's [SchoolCashOnline account](#) to cover the cost of a lost ID badge.
- **Meal Service** - Breakfast and lunch meals are served in the cafeteria. AISD suspended its free meal service at the end of last school year, meaning that students will no longer automatically receive free breakfast and lunch. To apply for free- or reduced-price meals or to add money to your child's lunch account, go to <https://www.schoolcafe.com/AustinISD>.
 - **Lunch Periods** - The student body is divided into two lunch groups 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](#).
 - **By AISD Board policy, only Seniors are allowed off-campus privileges during lunch.** Underclassmen must remain inside the secure perimeter of the campus during their lunch.
 - Students are invited to eat in the cafeteria, the fine arts building, or the courtyard. The Academic Building is off-limits to students during lunch.
 - **Students may not accept food deliveries at any time during the school day.** Parents/guardians wishing to deliver a forgotten lunch must park and bring it to the main office.
- **Chromebook & Technology Information** - Austin ISD will distribute Chromebooks within the first two weeks of school. More information on distribution will go out when it has been shared. Then, moving forward, all students will be required to bring a fully charged computer to school each day to access learning. Bowie requests that every student check-out an AISD Chromebook to use for standardized tests. To check out a Chromebook after they are distributed, students will bring a Consent Form (*updated AISD form coming soon*) signed by a guardian to the A117 Bookroom before school or during lunch. The guidelines for replacement of lost chargers and accidental damaged/lost devices has been updated for consistency across all AISD campuses. The first time a charger is lost, it is replaced for free by the campus. After that chargers are \$15 (subject to updates) or you may [replace the charger](#). Your child's first incidental damage or lost device is replaced for free by us. Additional replacement Chromebooks are \$50/per device (subject to updates.) More information is available in the [Everyone:1 handbook and website](#).
- **Schedule Changes** - If students believe there is an error on their class schedule, they should [email the counselor](#) explaining the issue, or go see the counselor in person with teacher permission. Change of mind or personal preference requests cannot be made. It may take up to 48 hours for the counselor to investigate the issue and determine whether a schedule change is warranted. For attendance purposes, the student should continue to follow their schedule until they hear back from the counselor. Students should check their AISD Gmail account regularly for updates about their request.

- **Parents are invited to complete the Free or Reduced-Priced Meals application** accessed via <https://www.schoolcafe.com/AustinISD>. 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. The process is highly confidential.
- **Medication Information** - Austin ISD has implemented three important regulations to their medication at school policy for the 2023-2024 school year:
 1. **ALL** medications require a written physician's order. Orders must indicate they are for this school year. Prescription and over-the-counter medications will require parent authorization AND a written order from a practitioner licensed in the U.S./Texas for this school year with all the required elements of a medication order (dated for this school year, patient/student name, medication name, strength, dose, route, frequency, name and signature of provider).
 2. Self-carry medications are limited to rescue medications for anaphylaxis, asthma, and/or diabetes.
 3. **High school students cannot self-carry over-the-counter medications.**

Save the Dates!

- **Aug. 26 Bulldogs and Hotdogs** is Saturday, August 26 from 5-8pm. This event is for students, parents, future Bulldogs, and the entire Bowie community! Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- **Aug. 28 Back-to-School Night** - 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 Monday, August 28, 6:00-7:30 pm. 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!
- **Sept. 1 Club Fair** - Students can learn more about Bowie's clubs by visiting booths in the courtyard during their lunch period on Friday, September 1. All students are encouraged to join a club! Click [HERE](#) for our current list of clubs.
- **Sept. 29 Homecoming Football Game** - Alumni are invited to join us at Burger Stadium to see the Dawgs battle the Maroons from Austin High for Friday night football.
- **Oct. 28 Homecoming Dance** - PTSA and Student Council host a fall social for our Bulldogs. All Bowie students from any grade level are invited to attend, and dress is anything from classy casual to formal.



You Belong at Bowie!

We strive to create a welcoming and safe campus community. Any behavior that undermines these efforts or is derogatory, harassing, and/or belittling in nature will NOT be tolerated. Students are encouraged to **SPEAK UP** against bias or dehumanizing language and to report such incidents to a trusted adult.