

WELCOME BACK, BULLDOGS!



First Day of School Tuesday, August 19, 2025

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Student Arrival and Departure

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- **Traffic Congestion:** Traffic around campus will be **extremely** congested during the first few weeks of school. Parents are encouraged to carpool, allow extra time for drop-off and pick-up, and/or have their child ride the bus if eligible.
- **Campus Entrances:** Students arriving by car, bike, or on foot will enter through the **front canopy**. Students arriving by **bus** will be dropped off at the back of campus and will enter through the **courtyard gates**. For safety, students should never use side or exterior doors to enter campus or allow others to do so. Starting **Wednesday, August 20**, all students must present their **student ID** upon entering campus.
- **Student Drivers & Parking:** Only **juniors and seniors with valid parking permits** may park on the Bowie campus or in the annex lot at Bethany Lutheran Church. Vehicles parked without a permit are subject to **towing at the owner's expense**. There are a small number of first-come, first-served spaces on **Wolftrap Drive** that do not require a permit. Parking in surrounding neighborhoods is discouraged and may result in towing.
- **Parent Drop-Off/Pick-Up:** All families must use the **Slaughter Lane entrance** for drop-off and pick-up. The **Wolftrap Drive entrance** is reserved for buses, faculty, and permitted student garage access only.

Unauthorized vehicles will be redirected. For drop-off: Students should exit promptly at the curb and walk along the sidewalk to the **main canopy entrance**. For pick-up: Parents should **text their student** upon arrival to speed up traffic flow in the loop.

- **Bus Transportation:** Morning buses drop off at the **back of the school**, with students entering through the **courtyard gates**. In the afternoon, buses line up along the **rear perimeter** of campus. Families can use the [Bus Stop Finder](#) to locate a student's assigned bus and the [WheresTheBus app](#) to track its location and timeline.
- **Veloway Access:** The **Veloway at Circle C Metropolitan Park** is a **wheels-only** park. Students **may not walk through the Veloway** to access campus. AISD Police and park rangers will respond to any reports of pedestrian traffic in that area.

Where to Go When You Get to School

Day 1 Modified Bell Schedule

9:05-9:40 Advisory
9:46-11:07 5th Period
11:13-4:35 Resume Regular Bell Schedule
4:30 9th Grade Release
4:35 Release for Grades 10-12

Day 2-4 Bell Schedule

9:05-10:35 1st on Wed/Fri, 5th on Th
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:** During the first few days of school, staff and student leaders will be stationed throughout campus to help students find their classrooms. Students can also reference the **campus map** by scanning one of the QR codes posted around the building.
- **Report to Advisory:** All students must report to their **Advisory class by 9:05 a.m.** on the first day of school. To find their Advisory class, students should check the **rosters posted in front of the library** for Day 1 and then follow the paper copy of their schedule or view their class schedule in the [Student Self-Serve tile](#) in the AISD Portal.
- **Day 1 Advisory Activities:**
 - **Welcome Message & First Day Instructions** - Students will watch a **welcome video**, confirm their **assigned lunch**, review the **bell schedule**, connect devices to **Wi-Fi**, and complete other **first-day setup tasks** to ensure they're prepared for the rest of the day.
 - **Class Schedules** - Students will receive an **official hard-copy schedule** during Advisory. Per AISD policy, students who **do not attend Advisory** to pick up their hard-copy schedule will be marked as **no-shows** and automatically withdrawn. These students must **visit the office to re-enroll** before attending classes. To enter any class, students must present their **official printed schedule**.
 - **IMPORTANT NOTE** - Any schedule visible in Frontline *before* the first day is **unofficial**. The **official schedule** will be distributed in Advisory.

- **Day 1 Bell Schedule & 9th Grade Early Release:** **Tuesday, August 19** is a **B-Day**. After Advisory, students will attend lunch and periods 5-8. To support a smooth dismissal, **9th graders will be released at 4:30 p.m.**—a few minutes early—to help them locate their bus or parent pick-up area.
- **Day 2 and Beyond:** Starting **Wednesday, August 20**, students will follow the regular **A/B day rotation** and **bell schedule**. Advisory (FIT) will meet **after the first class of the day**. On **Friday, August 22**, 9th grade students will be released at **4:00 p.m.** to attend a **Spirit Training Pep Rally** in the Competition Gym before the final bell. Students will begin selecting and attending their **FIT class of choice** on **Tuesday, August 26**. Guidance will be provided in advance to help them sign up.

Stuff to Know

- **What to Wear and What to Bring:** Although classrooms are climate-controlled, hallways and outdoor areas are not. Students should dress for **warm weather** during passing periods and lunch, especially if they choose to eat outside. Most courses will share supply needs in their syllabus, posted in **BLEND**. For the first few days, students only need to bring: notebook paper or a spiral notebook; pen/pencil; refillable water bottle; headphones (for accessing digital content when needed). **Chromebook distribution** will take place during the first week of school. Once received, students should bring their **Chromebook and charger daily**. Some **Advanced and AP courses** may expect students to bring summer assignments or graphing calculators. Please check the [summer work instructions](#) provided by each teacher.
- **Bowie Baseline Expectations:** Bowie's [Baseline Expectations](#) were created to promote a **positive, respectful, and safe campus environment**. These four shared practices were adopted in the 2022-23 school year and implemented in every classroom by every staff member to help students stay focused on learning. We appreciate your support in reinforcing them at home.
- **Student ID Badges:** All students are required to wear their **ID badge** while on campus. IDs and lanyards will be distributed during **Advisory on the first day of school**. Policy enforcement begins Wednesday, **August 20**. Students will take their yearbook picture and have their ID badge made during their English class on September 17 or 18.
 - **Replacement Costs:** Lost ID Badge (\$5); Bowie Lanyard (\$3); and Temporary ID Sticker (\$1). Use the [ID Replacement Form](#) if a replacement is needed.
- **Meal Service:** Breakfast and lunch are available in the **cafeteria**. Breakfast and lunch meals are served in the cafeteria and we encourage all students to dine at school. To apply for **free or reduced-price meals** or to add funds to a lunch account, visit: <https://www.schoolcafe.com/AustinISD>. Families who qualify may also receive **discounts on AP and SAT exams**. If there's any chance you qualify, please complete the application—your information is **confidential**.

- **Lunch Periods:** Students are split into two lunch periods on both **A-Days** and **B-Days**. Students' lunchtime is determined by: **2nd period class** (A-Days) and **6th period class** (B-Days). The lunch assignment is listed at the bottom of the [Bell Schedule](#).
- **By AISD Board policy, only Seniors are allowed off-campus privileges during lunch.** 9th, 10th, and 11th graders must remain inside the secure perimeter of the campus during their lunch.
- Students may eat in the **cafeteria, fine arts building, or courtyard**. The **academic hallways are off-limits** during lunch, as classes are in session.
- Students may **not receive food deliveries** from restaurants or delivery services during the school day. Parents may drop off forgotten lunches by bringing them to the **main office**.
- **Technology Information, HB1481, & AISD Issued Chromebooks:** All students are required to check out an AISD Chromebook, which will be used for daily learning and standardized testing. In accordance with [HB1481](#), effective immediately, students may no longer bring their own personal smart devices to school. This includes cell phones, tablets, smart watches, gaming devices, any type of bluetooth headphones or earbuds, fitness trackers that can send and receive messages, or any other device capable of digital communication. Violations will result in the confiscation of the item.
- **Schedule Changes:** If a student notices a possible error on their schedule (e.g., a missing class or duplicate), they should: 1) [Email their counselor](#) with a description of the issue, or 2) Visit the counselor with teacher permission. Schedule changes cannot be made for preference, such as wanting a different lunch or teacher. While waiting for a response, students should: allow up to 48 hours for a response; continue following the current schedule until a change is confirmed; check their AISD Gmail for any updates.
- **Medication Information:** Please note Austin ISD's medication policy for this school year:
 - **All medications** (prescription or over-the-counter) require a **written physician's order**, dated for this school year.
 - Orders must include: student name, medication, strength, dose, route, frequency, provider name, and signature.
 - **Self-carry medications** are limited to those for **anaphylaxis, asthma, or diabetes**.
 - **Over-the-counter medications may not be self-carried** by high school students.

Save the Dates!

- **August 18 - Meet at the Tree:** On **Monday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30**, all students are invited to access their class schedules and locate their classrooms during the [Meet at the Tree](#) Campus Preview. **Please note that Meet at the Tree is for students only!**
- **August 23 - Bulldogs and Hotdogs:** Join us **Saturday, August 23, from 5:00–8:00 p.m.** for Bulldogs & Hotdogs—a fun evening of food, games, performances, and school spirit for students, families, future

Bulldogs, and the entire Bowie community! Visit the [PTSA website](#) for more information or to get involved.

- **August 26 - Back-to-School Night**: Parents and guardians are invited to join us for **Back-to-School Night** on **Tuesday, August 26, from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** The evening will begin in the Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. with a welcome and presentation from Mr. Robinson. From 6:30–7:30 p.m., families can visit classrooms and meet their student's teachers.
- **September 5 - Club Fair**: Students can explore Bowie's wide range of clubs during the Club Fair on Friday, September 5, held during all lunch periods in the courtyard. Whether you're into robotics, writing, service, or something in between—there's a club for everyone! All students are encouraged to [join a club](#)!
- **October 3 - Homecoming Football Game**: Let's pack the stands at **Burger Stadium** on **Friday, October 3**, as the **Dawgs take on the Del Valle Cardinals** under the lights! Alumni and fans of all ages are invited to come out and show their Bowie pride.
- **October 4 - Homecoming Dance**: Bowie's Homecoming Dance will be held on **Saturday, October 4**, hosted by **PTSA and Student Council**. All grade levels are welcome, and the vibe is fun and flexible—from classy casual to formal attire. Don't miss this night to dance, celebrate, and make memories!



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.