



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 15, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**SENIOR BREAKFAST REMINDER** - To honor the Class of 2025, Bowie is hosting the annual Senior Breakfast in the cafeteria during 5th period on Tuesday, May 20. Seniors will check in with their 5th period teacher, and then they will proceed to the cafeteria for the celebration. The Senior Breakfast will end at 10:35 am, and the rest of the day's schedule will continue as normal.

**ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES** - With spring exams approaching, we wanted to share some reminders about Bowie's Attendance Incentive policy. Bowie offers exam incentives to reward excellent attendance. The exam incentive allows eligible students to replace their exam grade with a higher semester average in either one or two of their classes. The [Understanding Incentives document](#) provides a helpful overview of the exam incentive program. Some things to keep in mind:

- **All absences count, regardless of the reason.** The few exceptions (like school-related absences or partial-day absences for a medical appointment), can be viewed on the [Summary of Attendance Rules](#) document.
- The incentive eligibility list is based on the official attendance record you see in the AISD Portal's Self-Serve tile. **The student should contact the teacher regarding any attendance errors as soon as possible.** Only the teacher of record can initiate an attendance correction.
- Students should be on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding how many attendance incentives they earned for this semester and how to apply them.

**SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE REMINDERS** - Students will spend the last four days of the semester taking their spring semester exams on May 23 and 27-29. The [only exception is for Seniors](#), who will need to take their 7th and 8th period exams on Thursday, May 22, and completing graduation prep and check-out procedures on Thursday, May 29.

Exams comprise 20% of the student's overall average in the course and cover learning objectives for the entire semester. On each of the exam days, students will take exams in two of their courses and then be released at 1:05 pm, allowing them additional time to study for the next day's exams (see [Spring 2025 Exam Schedule](#)). **To preserve a quiet testing environment, we expect all students to remain in their classrooms until the end of the scheduled exam time. We respectfully request that you do not allow your student to check out of school early on exam days.**

**BOWIE SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION** - Students can recover up to 2 semesters of credit for previously failed courses by attending Bowie's Summer School. These classes will be teacher-led and in-person on the Bowie campus. **Summer school registration will be available in the Bowie main office**

**from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm on Monday, June 2.** Reach out to a counselor or see the [Bowie Summer School Flyer](#) for more information.

**CAC APPLICATION** - We have some vacancies on our Campus Advisory Committee for interested parents to serve during the 2025-26 school year! The CAC is a committee of parents, students, business and community representatives, teachers, principals, and other campus staff who meet to review and provide feedback on the campus educational program, performance, improvement plan, staff development plan, waiver requests, and budget. Bowie's CAC meets from 7:30-8:30 am on the second Tuesday of each month. **If you have an interest in serving a two-year term as a parent representative, please complete the district's [standard membership application](#).**

**AISD SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION** - To avoid deeper budget cuts and ensure every student has access to a high-quality education, Austin ISD will consolidate some schools starting in the 2026–27 school year. Consolidation means merging campuses, which could include school closures, boundary changes and policy shifts—but it also means stronger programs, better staffing and more resources for every student.

With enrollment down by 10,000 students over the past decade, we're left with 25,000 empty seats and a \$100M+ budget gap. Consolidating schools allows us to invest more fully in fewer campuses—strengthening academics and support services district-wide. We want your input. Families and staff received a unique survey link by email on May 13. Community members can [take the general survey online](#).

**Please complete the survey by Friday, June 6.** Your voice will help guide the process and shape a stronger future for all Austin ISD students. Find out more at [austinisd.org/consolidate](https://austinisd.org/consolidate).

Go Dawgs!

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