



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 7, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

GRADUATION UPDATES - We are weeks away from our 2025 graduation ceremonies. Here are all the updates our students, staff, and community need to help graduation season go smoothly for all involved:

- **NEW! Paid parking:** To help fund rising graduation costs, Austin ISD is moving to paid parking at the Burger Athletic Complex.
 - Pre-paid parking will be \$10 and parking on the day of the event will be \$15.
 - Graduation guests can pre-purchase parking through the [parking website](#).
 - Free shuttles are still available for families from each high school the day of graduation.
- **NEW! Austin ISD App:** The Austin ISD App, available via the Apple or Android store, will now have a graduation section, which will include FAQs, the schedule for shuttles, and clear bags/prohibited items.

SENIOR BREAKFAST DONATIONS - Parents, please [sign up to donate items](#) for the Senior Breakfast on May 20. Donations of gift cards, drinks, and paper goods can be brought to the front office anytime between now and the morning of May 20 (please label the items "SENIOR BREAKFAST"). Perishable food such as donuts, muffins, fruit, etc. can be brought to the front of the campus before school starting at 8 am on the morning of May 20 (student volunteers will be waiting at the curb to unload the items from your vehicle). **The Senior Breakfast will take place during 5th period from 9:05 to 10:35 am.**

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of tacos, food, and other supplies for the event, please select "Bowie Class of 2025 Senior Breakfast Donations" on the [Bowie Webstore](#).

SENIOR SLIDESHOW - As a fundraiser, the Junior class officers are putting together a slideshow for the Senior Breakfast on May 20. If you choose to participate, [each slide will consist of photos](#) the Senior's parent or guardian provides electronically. The slide will include the student's name, a photo from when the student was young (like kindergarten or baby photo), a Senior or recent photo, as well as a brief message. The junior officers are planning this as a surprise, so please don't tell the Seniors!

If you are interested in participating:

- Pay the \$10 donation at: <https://bowie.myschoolcentral.com> by Sunday, May 11.
- Complete the form and submit your photos using <https://bit.ly/SeniorSlideShow2025> by Sunday, May 11th.

If you have any questions, please email cindi.carroll@austinisd.org.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES - With final 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 only exceptions are absences for school-related activities (coded SCH, FLD, or UIL) and absences for healthcare appointments when the student attended school for part of the day (coded MED).
- 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 in the coming weeks regarding how many attendance incentives they earned for this semester and how to apply them.

SPRING EXAM SCHEDULE - 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.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - This year, Bowie Seniors in the Practicum for Entrepreneurship course had the opportunity to participate in supervised internships across various fields, including Business Management, Computer Science, Counseling/Mental Health, and Culinary Arts. Designed as a capstone experience, this course allows students to apply the skills and principles they have learned throughout their Career and Technical Education (CTE) Sequence. The program serves as a valuable stepping stone, preparing students for entry-level employment and/or post-secondary education. We are excited to share that our class size has tripled for the upcoming school year! If you or anyone you know might be interested in providing an internship opportunity for Bowie students, please reach out to Ms. Kris Maniscalco at kris.maniscalco@austinisd.org for further details.

Go Dawgs!

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