



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

August 1, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

As we get ready for teachers to start this week, I wanted to send out a few reminders to help you prepare for the new school year, so you and your students will know what to expect. Thank you for reviewing and reinforcing all of this information with your children.

BASELINE EXPECTATIONS - [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#) were developed and implemented last year as a way to communicate expectations and promote positive behavior among students. A team of teachers and administrators identified four key practices that staff will implement in every classroom to support campus safety and student learning.

SAFETY REMINDERS - In the interest of safety and security, we ask that everyone in Bulldog Nation follow the protocols and procedures explained below.

- **Secure Perimeter** - Bowie maintains a defined and secure perimeter that includes the Academic Buildings, Fine Arts Building, Athletics Building, cafeteria, and the interior courtyard. Students must remain within this secure perimeter at all times during the school day. The only students authorized to exit the campus when school is in session are: (1) students with an off-campus period in their schedule, (2) seniors with off-campus lunch privileges, (3) students who have been checked-out by a parent through the main office, or (4) students participating in a teacher-directed instructional activity and under teacher supervision. All other students are not allowed beyond the secure perimeter during school hours.
- **No Curbside Deliveries** - To monitor who and what moves on and off campus, **students will not be allowed to receive any deliveries at the front of the campus (curbside)**. Parents wishing to drop off an item for a student must park and bring the item into the main office where it can then be retrieved by the student. The main office will not accept any items for students from delivery services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats. Thank you for helping us keep the campus safe and for honoring our staff's valuable time by only dropping off items that are truly essential.
- **Student ID Badges** - We provide IDs and lanyards for all students. Students must wear their ID badge when they are on campus. **Replacement lanyards are available for \$2 and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased in the office before school or during lunch via [SchoolCashOnline](#).**
- **Checkout Procedures** - When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. **To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the [Driving Pass Request Form](#) 24 hours in advance.** The form is open from 4:30 PM and closes the following morning at 7:30 AM daily, and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their

identification. Please do not plan to pick up your child from school after 4:00 PM to alleviate congestion and confusion at the end of the school day.

APPLY FOR THE AISD CALENDAR TASK FORCE - The Austin ISD Calendar Task Force is charged with developing and recommending an instructionally sound calendar for the 2024-2025 school year that focuses squarely on the district's academic mission and Strategic Plan. The Task Force shall place the needs of all students first and foremost, but shall also consider the needs of parents, the community, and district staff. If you are interested, please fill out the [Standard Membership Application](#) form and select [Other], then type Calendar Task Force.

DINE AT BOWIE - AISD menus feature local, sustainably sourced, and clean label foods, and Bowie's Kitchen Staff prepare the meals daily. Students at Bowie High School may dine at school using their meal status (free, reduced-price, or paid). We encourage all AISD students to dine at school, regardless of their economic status. We receive funding for each meal served to students; the more meals we serve, the more funds available to invest in our employees and food. When families choose school meals, they are helping to provide a living wage for cafeteria staff, supporting the local economy, and bringing better food to all students across the district.

HOW TO RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS AT SCHOOL

- Direct certification through [state-funded benefits](#) such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- Direct certification through enrollment in foster care; migrant, homeless, or runaway programs; Head Start or Early Head Start programs.
- Determined eligible by creating an account and completing an AISD free or reduced-price meal benefits application at www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD. Paper applications are also available at schools.

Families may view daily menus, allergens, nutritional information, apply for free or reduced-price meals, and add funds to their student's meal account at the [School Cafe](#) website. We are happy to make accommodations for students with food allergies or special diets. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson
Principal