



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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August 7, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

I hope you have all been enjoying your summer. Here at Bowie, we've been working hard to make sure the upcoming school year will be a great one.

**UPCOMING 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR** - Bowie will be hosting several events to help students and their families get ready for the new school year. You are invited to stop by the Bowie Library from either **8-9 am or 5-6 pm on Thursday, August 8** for an informal meet-and-greet with the counselors and administrators or for a student-led campus tour. From **4-6 pm on Thursday, August 15**, all students are invited to access their class schedules and locate their classrooms during the Meet at the Tree Campus Preview. Based on their last name, students will arrive at either 4pm or 5pm for this one hour event. **Please note that Meet at the Tree is for students only!** See the [Back to School Buzz flyer](#) for additional information about these and other important events.

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS REMINDER** - Some advanced courses require students to complete assignments over the summer. If your student is taking an advanced course, please make sure they are aware of the [summer work expectations](#) posted on the Bowie website.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** - Remember, the new school year begins at **9:05 am on Tuesday, August 20!** Approximately one week in advance, you and your student will receive detailed instructions about logistics, including where and when to report, lunch information, transportation information, and more. This information will also be available in the [News section](#) of the Bowie website at [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org).

**BASELINE EXPECTATIONS** - [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#) were developed and implemented two years as a way to communicate expectations and promote positive behavior among students. A team of teachers and administrators identified four key practices to be collectively implemented by every staff member and 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.** 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 \$3 and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased in the office before school or during lunch.**

**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.

**DINE AT BOWIE** - AISD menus feature local, sustainably sourced, and clean label foods, and the meals are prepared by Bowie's Kitchen Staff 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**

- **Online:** Preferred method for faster processing.
  - Create an account and apply at [www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD](http://www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD), or
  - Download and complete an [English](#) or [Spanish](#) application; email to [foodservicebusinesssupport@austinisd.org](mailto:foodservicebusinesssupport@austinisd.org).
- **Paper Applications:**
  - Available from school front offices beginning in August.

Questions about meal applications? Please contact AISD Food Service at 512-414-0251.

**COLLEGE BOARD ACCOMMODATIONS:** (PSAT, SAT, and AP Exams) - The deadline to request accommodations from College Board for the fall PSAT 8/9 and the PSAT/NMSQT is August 19th. Please contact Wendy Escobedo at [wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org](mailto:wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org) if you need information on requesting testing accommodations for College Board exams. More information on the request process can be found at "[How Accommodations Work](#)" on the College Board website.

**AISD SUBSTITUTE OF THE MONTH** - Let's give a big shout-out to our substitute teachers this year! They help keep our classrooms running smoothly. They're the ones who ensure that our kids' learning doesn't miss a beat, even when their regular teachers can't be there. The use the [link to the form provided](#) to nominate a deserving individual for the Substitute of the Month recognition.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal