



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 18, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**COMMENDED STUDENT IN THE 2025 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - We are very excited to announce that 14 Bowie seniors have been selected as a National Merit Commended Student. Commended Students are being recognized by NMSC® for their exceptional academic promise as demonstrated on the PSAT/NMSQT® qualifying test. Although they will not continue in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2025 competition by taking the 2023 PSAT. **Bowie's National Merit Commended Students are: Matthew Bosworth, Delaney Holliman, Hudson King, Kyle Kramer, Jimin Lee, Evan Logan, Mitchell Navarrete, Vivi Nguyen, Devyn Sisk, Parker Snow, Emma Suydam, Megan Tran, Dorsey Warstler, and Jayden White.**

**PICTURE DAY** - Picture Day is right around the corner! CADY will be set up at our school on Tuesday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 25 to take student photos for the yearbook. Students will go during their English class period. If students have English on B Days, they will be photographed on Tuesday; if English is on A Days, they will be photographed on Wednesday. Right now, CADY is offering \$10 off your purchase when you pre-order your photos before September 23 at [CADY.com/pictureday](https://cady.com/pictureday).

**LEVEL CHANGE APPLICATION** - Students who are considering a level change in one or more of their courses must submit an application between Monday, September 23 - Friday, September 27 by [completing this linked form](#). Understand that level changes can only take place in courses that have another level counterpart. We have many advanced courses that do not have another option available, and therefore, there is no change available.

For students to be eligible for an application, students must have a conversation with their current teacher about their application, must have attended FIT/tutoring sessions, and must have all of their coursework submitted to be eligible to apply. All applications must be submitted by Friday, September 27, no later than 5:00 PM.

Committees will review the individual student applications while also reviewing availability in the academic level class. Please know that this is an application, and it is not automatically approved. Additionally, there is a high possibility your student's schedule will be changed to accommodate approved applications. Your student's counselor will inform them if your level change was

approved by emailing the new schedule on October 3. Teachers will inform your student if the request was denied.

**G/T REFERRAL WINDOW** - If you are interested in referring your student for Gifted/Talented services at Bowie High School, the referral window is now open through October 6, 2024. For more information about the Gifted/Talented program at the high school level, please visit [this link on the Bowie website](#) for more information. To make a referral for your child as a parent, please use this provided [referral link](#). If you have any additional questions regarding what Gifted/Talented services looks like at the high school level, you may contact Bowie's G/T Advocate, Amanda Pfeiffer at [amanda.pfeiffer@austinisd.org](mailto:amanda.pfeiffer@austinisd.org) for more information.

**2017 BOND SATISFACTION SURVEY** - Please take five minutes to [fill out a short survey](#) on your new Austin ISD facilities. Your feedback will help the district as they plan for the next round of facilities improvements!

**GRADUATION 2025** - Austin ISD has released the graduation schedule for the 24-25 school year, and Bowie's commencement ceremony will be on Friday, May 30, 2025, at 8:00 PM. The event is planned for Burger Stadium with the Burger Activity Center as the alternate venue.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal