



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 24, 2024

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

Thank you all for your vigilance and support of Bulldog Nation last week! In the interest of safety and security, we wanted to send a few reminders about protocols and procedures that we have in place to keep Bulldog Nation safe. Of course, if you see something, say something to the Austin ISD police department at 512.414.1703 or contact the campus at 512.414.JBHS (5247).

- **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 always remain within this secure perimeter 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 are not 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 \$3, and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased through our [ID Replacement Form](#).**

**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. It requires an authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification. Please do not plan to pick up your child from school after 4:15 PM to alleviate congestion and confusion at the end of the school day.

**DAY OF DANCE** - You are invited to Dance Across Austin's Day of Dance sponsored by Austin ISD Fine Arts, the Creative Learning Initiative, and MINDPOP on Saturday October 5, 9:00 AM to 6:00

PM at the Austin ISD Performing Arts Center. The Day of Dance will connect diverse communities, generations, styles, and cultures through our shared language of movement! This is a free, all-day event with numerous performances from Austin ISD students and teachers and area community artists, dance classes and workshops, professional photographers for dancers, a dance party, and more. Students, educators, district administrators, families, and community members of all ages and abilities are welcome! [Visit this website to sign up for event reminders, a complete schedule, and more.](#)

**UIL ELIGIBILITY CHECK** - Our first UIL Eligibility Check is on Friday, September 27. UIL Eligibility Checks take place throughout the year to ensure students are in good standing academically in order to participate in extracurricular activities. While loss of eligibility usually takes place based on a report card grade, UIL requires the entire state to check eligibility at this 6-week mark to allow for fairness for schools that are on a 6-week report card cycle. **This will be the only progress report for the entire school year that can take away a student's eligibility.**

Students must be passing all of their class on their progress report on Friday, September 27 to remain eligible. To be eligible, a student must have a 70 or above in on-level classes, a 60 or above in Advanced/weighted classes or on-level Pre-Calculus, a MP (making progress) in credit recovery classes, and a P (pass) in pass/fail classes. (Keep in mind that while a student may be considered eligible to participate in extracurriculars with a 60% in Advanced classes, a grade of 70 is required for a student to earn credit for the semester.) **If a student does not meet this eligibility criteria in every class on their upcoming progress report, they will lose their eligibility on October 4 for three weeks.** Please routinely check on your student's grades to ensure they are in good standing.

**CALENDAR TASK FORCE** - The Calendar Task Force is charged with developing and recommending instructionally sound calendars for the 2025-2026 and the 2026-2027 school years that focus 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, select **[Other]**, and type **Calendar Task Force**.

**CALENDAR REMINDER** - Thursday, October 3 is a student holiday while teachers are in professional development. Additionally, students will not attend classes on October 4 for the observance of Rosh Hashanah. [Rosh Hashanah](#) is the celebration of the Jewish New Year. The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is blowing the shofar (ram's horn) on both mornings of the holiday. This normally takes place in the synagogue as part of the day's services. Families enjoy traditional food such as round challah bread, apples dipped in honey, and other foods that symbolize hopes for a sweet year. It is also customary to light candles, attend synagogue, and have meals with family and friends.

Go Dawgs!

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