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# 9th Grade Parent Night



James Bowie High School  
August 10, 2022

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# Academic Leadership

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# Assistant Principal Team



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# More Helpful Staff

Main Office  
512-414-5247

**Attendance** - Elisa Nguyen

**School Nurse**- Shari Petersen

**Librarian**- Tara Walker-Leon

**504 Coordinator** - Estelina Sanchez-Hall

**Special Education Chair** - Andrea Skola

**Facilities Manager** - Sam Cabrera

**Front Desk Reception** - Teri Trevino

**Registrar (A-K)** - Sherri Smith

**Registrar (L-Z)** - Josie Santiago

**Bookkeepers** - Nancy Zuraitis & Julie Loera

**Security & Parking** - Andy Padgett

**Executive Assistant to the Principal** - Joanna Willard

[Bowie.austinschools.org](http://Bowie.austinschools.org) → Departments → Staff Directory

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# BASELINE EXPECTATIONS

Phone-Free Learning

Limited Hall Passes

Cooperate with Reasonable Requests

Wear Your ID Badge

# Parent Communication & Technology

AISD Parent Help Desk at 512-414-9187

[Bowie Tech Tips](#)

# bowie.austinschools.org



Enroll



Transportation



Menus



District Calendar



Parent Portal



Student Portal

## BULLDOG NEWS

### Bowie's First Day of School Instructions

The Bowie Staff is so excited to welcome students to campus for the first day of school on Monday, August 15, 2022.

### Bowie Star Newsletter - July 27, 2022

In this week's Bowie Star Newsletter, Mr. Robinson welcomes the new 9th grade families who have now been added to Bowie's communication channels. Parents and students can also find information about upcoming events to assist students and their families start the new school year.

### Bowie Star 9th Grade Special Edition

In this special edition of the Bowie Star Newsletter, Mr. Robinson

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUG  
5

### AIISD Closed

All day

AUG  
9

### Senior Yearb

All day

### Senior Yearb



## JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

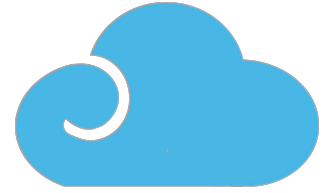
July 27, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**WELCOME NEW BULLDOGS** - Austin AISD has rolled over its student data for the new school year, meaning that Bowie can now communicate directly with our incoming 9th grade students and families! We are excited to meet you in just a few weeks! If you haven't done so yet, be sure to read last month's [Bowie Star Special Edition for 9th Grade Families](#) for some helpful information.

## The Bowie Star Newsletter

# STEP 1: Create Your AISD Parent Portal



Go to: <https://portal.austinisd.org/> and  
click “Create a Parent Portal”



# STEP 2: Set Up Your Notifications

## Communication via SchoolMessenger



NOTE: If you are not receiving emails from Bowie after checking your settings in My Messages and your junk folder, call 512-414-9787 and ask to “re-subscribe” to SchoolMessenger

## Attendance & Grades via Self-Serve



NOTE: This is where the official teacher gradebook is housed. Grades in BLEND are not necessarily calculated in the student’s report card grade.

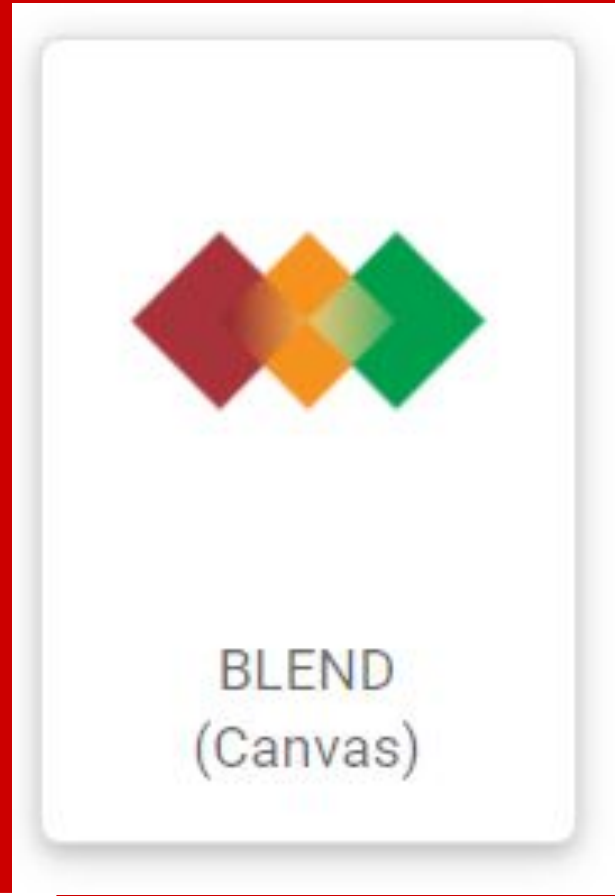
Click [HERE](#) for step-by-step instructions

# STEP 3: Request an AISD Chromebook



1. Parent signs the Consent Form
2. Student brings the signed Consent Form to the A117 Bookroom before school, FIT, or during lunch to checkout an AISD Chromebook

# Some Thoughts About BLEND



# **Back-to-School Information**

# Back-to-School Buzz

AUGUST  
2022



## Meet at the Tree Campus Preview for Students

Thursday, August 11, 2022

4:00-5:00 Last Names A-L  
5:00-6:00 Last Names M-Z

- Get your schedule!
- Locate your classrooms before the first day of school!
- Check out the new Fine Arts Building!
- Participate in short student-led tours to learn about different parts of campus and student life!
- Get help connecting your phone or personal laptop to the Education network!
- Pick up your pre-ordered class t-shirt!
- Student leaders will be stationed at the entrance and ready to buddy up with any student who arrives on their own!
- This is a one-hour, students-only event. ☺



### parent meet & greet

Monday, Aug. 1st (Library)  
8:00-9:00 a.m. OR 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Parents are invited to swing by the Bowie Library to say hello to the counselors and administrators, ask those burning questions, enjoy some light refreshments, and join a student-led campus tour.



### freshman parent night

Wednesday, August 10th (Cafeteria)  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Are you a Bulldog parent who is new to high school or just wants to know more about the programs and resources available to your freshman? Join administrators and counselors in the Bowie Cafeteria for a presentation about all-things-high school!



### embedded orientation

First Two Weeks of School

To ensure a successful year, orientation and training activities will be embedded in classes during the first two weeks of school. Topics will include campus systems, procedures, and resources, Bowie spirit and traditions, growth mindset, sustaining a culture of equity and respect, AISD technology and digital citizenship, and more! We have some exciting new activities planned for our freshmen!

**CAMPUS BASELINE EXPECTATIONS**  
New!  
Phone-Free Learning  
Limited Hall Passes  
Cooperate with Reasonable Requests  
Student IDs for Safety

NEW WEBSITE!  
<https://bowie.austinschools.org/>



SAVE  
THE  
DATES

Aug. 23 & 24 - Yearbook & ID Photos (during English class)  
Aug. 27th - PTSA Bulldogs & Hotdogs Event (5:00-8:00 PM)  
Sept. 2nd - Club Fair in the Courtyard (during both lunches)  
Sept. 8th - Back-to-School Night for Parents (6:00-7:30 PM)

# Orientation Events



# First Day of School

Updated 8/4/2022



Welcome  
**BACK**

2022-23 BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL



**First Day of School Monday, August 15, 2022**

## Helpful Resources



[2022-2023 Bell Schedule](#)



[Self-Serve](#)

Grades/Schedule/Contact



[2022-23 A/B Calendar](#)



[Campus Map](#)



[Bus Stop Finder](#)



[Tech Tips for Students & Parents](#)



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Orientation Events](#)

# Block Schedule

- 90 minute classes
- A-Days = periods 1-4
- B-Days = periods 5-8

## 2022-23 A/B Calendar

- 45 minute lunch based on the student's 2nd or 6th period class

1ST LUNCH BELL SCHEDULE			
*1st / 5th	9:05	-	10:35
<b>FIT</b>	<b>10:41</b>	-	<b>11:07</b>
<b>1ST LUNCH</b>	<b>11:07</b>	-	<b>11:47</b>
2nd / 6th	11:53	-	1:23
3rd / 7th	1:29	-	2:59
4th / 8th	3:05	-	4:35

2ND LUNCH BELL SCHEDULE			
*1st / 5th	9:05	-	10:35
<b>FIT</b>	<b>10:41</b>	-	<b>11:07</b>
2nd / 6th	11:13	-	12:43
<b>2ND LUNCH</b>	<b>12:43</b>	-	<b>1:23</b>
3rd / 7th	1:29	-	2:59
4th / 8th	3:05	-	4:35

*\*official attendance time for funding purposes is 10:30 AM*

*Lunch group based on 2nd-period class on A-Days and 6th-period class on B-Days*

### GROUP 1 / 1ST LUNCH

All Science Classes  
All Social Studies Classes  
All Math Classes  
LOTE: Spanish, French, ASL, Latin  
PE Classes / Health / Boy's & Girl's Basketball

### GROUP 2 / 2ND LUNCH

All English Classes  
Athletics (except Boy's & Girl's Basketball)  
Career & Tech Classes:  
Principles of Health Science, Health Science  
Theory, Graphic Design, Computer Science,  
Business, Ag, Yearbook, Newspaper, Culinary,  
ROTC, Nutrition, Child Development and Human  
Services  
ACC Dual Credit Classes  
Fine Arts Classes:  
Band, Theater, Tech Theater, Orchestra, Choir,  
Art, Dance  
Debate, DELTA, Basic Study Skills, Odyssey

# Get Involved!!

Bowie wants ALL students to find their passion and be connected!

## Club Fair 2022

## Friday, Sept. 2

Club booths will recruit in the courtyard during lunches.

A list of [current clubs](#) is available at [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org) → Students tab → Student Activities



# **Academic Supports**

# Flexible Instructional Time

- Every day after 1st or 5th period for 26 minutes
- Participation is mandatory
- Opportunity to meet with teachers, receive tutoring, make- up assignments following absences, review for exams, study, etc.
- If not assigned by a teacher to a mandatory session, students choose a teacher's session to attend.

# Tutoring

## Teacher/ Department Tutoring

- All teachers offer tutoring before and/or after school.
- Tutoring schedules in BLEND and classroom door.

## NHS Peer Tutoring

- Google request form link coming soon!

# Attendance

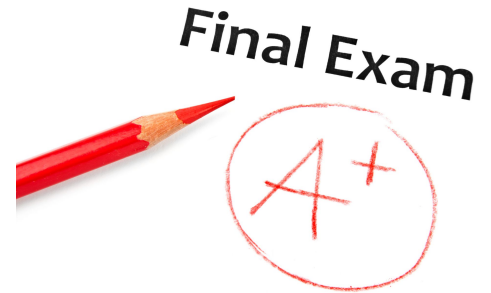
# Attendance Procedures

Attendance Clerk Elisa Nguyen  
[bowie@austinisd.org](mailto:bowie@austinisd.org)

- Students must be signed-in and out in the main office when arriving late or leaving early (no curbside meet up between classes or during lunch)
  - It's a large campus with limited office staff! Please allow plenty of time for the checkout process.
  - Email documentation for every absence to [bowie@austinisd.org](mailto:bowie@austinisd.org)
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# Exam Incentives

- Excellent attendance allows students to replace their final exam grade for 1-2 courses with a higher semester average grade.
- To qualify, students must for fewer than 13 class period absences.
- Other than partial day doctor's appointments (code MED), all absences are counted regardless of the reason.



# Bowie Counseling Department



# Counseling Team

Counselor	Last Names	Email Address
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<a href="#">Laura Rodriguez</a>	Fro-J	<a href="mailto:laura.k.rodriguez@austinisd.org">laura.k.rodriguez@austinisd.org</a>
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# **Our Role**

**Our role as school counselors is to provide academic, career, social, and emotional support to our students in order to guide them towards success.**

**There is often a stigma that students only see their counselors for “schedule changes” or because they have “emotional issues.” We aim to change this view.**

**We meet with our students for a variety of reasons such as individual academic planning, crisis response, mental health support, college and career guidance, social support, four-year planning, etc.**

# How to Reach Us

## Students

We uphold an open door policy. Students may stop by our offices before school, during lunch, or after school, or during class with teacher permission.

If we are unavailable, students may email us or leave a note, and we will call them from class when we are available.

## Parents

The best way to contact us is via email. We cannot accommodate walk-in appointments as we must be available to serve the needs of our students.

Please email or call your child's counselor if you would like to set up an appointment.

Our information can be found on our website

[bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org) → Departments → Counseling

# **Mental Health Support**

# In Case of a Mental Health Emergency...

## Students

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or are concerned about a friend, please seek assistance from a counselor right away. We are here to help!

If your counselor is unavailable, please let our front office staff know that you are in need of **immediate** assistance from a counselor.

## Parents

If you have a concern about your student or another during school hours, please contact your student's counselor **immediately**. If your student's counselor is unavailable, please ask to speak with another counselor.

If your child is experiencing a mental health crisis at home, it is very important that they be seen by a mental health provider as soon as possible. If your student is in immediate danger, **CALL 911**. In any scenario, please contact your child's counselor so that we can develop a plan of support.

# **School-Based Mental Health Center**

**Bowie High School has the good fortune of having a partnership with **Gramercy**. Their mental health specialists operate as an outside therapist; however, they are housed on our campus for the convenience of our students and parents. Students are pulled for therapy sessions from their elective periods, typically once per week.**

**The School-Based Mental Health Center is open year-round including spring, summer, and winter breaks.**

**\*If you are interested in starting services, please contact your child's counselor, or visit our website.**

# **Graduation Requirements, GPA, and Class Rank**

# Graduation Requirements

Foundation High School Plan +  
Endorsement + Distinguished Level of  
Achievement

AISD Prescribed Graduation Plan

What Are the  
Required Courses?



# AISD Prescribed Graduation Plan (26 Credits)

4 English Credits

- English I, English II, English III, and English IV

4 Math Credits

- Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Adv. Math

4 Science Credits

- Biology, IPC or Chemistry, 2 Adv. Sciences

4 Social Studies Credits

- World Geography, World History, US History, Government (0.5) and Economics (0.5)

2 Credits of a Language Other Than English (must be consecutive)

1 Fine Arts Credit

1 PE Credit

0.5 Health Credit

5.5 Elective Credits





# Endorsement Options

Students can earn one or more of the following endorsements:

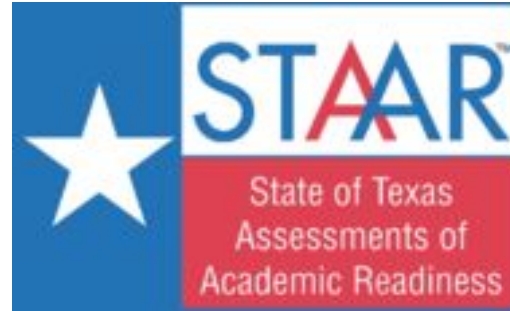
- Arts & Humanities
- Business & Industry
- Public Service
- STEM
- Multidisciplinary

Endorsements are designed to encourage students to explore different career pathways and areas of study. They may change them at any time and will likely earn more than one before graduation.

# End-of-Course Exams

Students must pass five end-of-course exams:

- ▶ English I (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ Algebra I (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ Biology (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ English II (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)



\*The EOC requirement for courses taken during the spring of 2020 have been waived due to COVID.

# Cumulative GPA

The numerical average of the points assigned to EVERY grade the student has earned.

- ▶ Based on ALL classes the student has taken (core, electives, etc., including high school credit in middle school)
- ▶ Advanced/ AP/ Honors courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale
- ▶ This GPA can be viewed in Naviance, but are NOT used to determine rank
- ▶ Appears on transcripts, sent to colleges
- ▶ New GPA's generated after each semester.

\*No grades in the spring semester of 2020 counted for GPA or Rank due to COVID 19

# Class Rank

A measure of student performance compared to other students in the class.

Based on 4 core subjects & LOTE

- ▶ Up to 8 semesters of English
  - ▶ Up to 8 semesters of Math
  - ▶ Up to 8 semesters of Science
  - ▶ World Geo OR World History, US History, Government, & Economics
  - ▶ Up to 4 semesters of LOTE
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- ▶ Calculated after every semester in grades 10-12
  - ▶ Official rank starts in Spring of 10th grade year
  - ▶ Used to determine top 10% and quartiles for college admissions

# **Schedule & Level Changes**

# Schedule Changes

- Schedule changes will **only** be made if there is a true error or if it meets one of the specific circumstances listed on our change of mind form.
- Remember, the “change of mind” deadline for this year was **May 27th**. No “change of mind” requests will be approved.
- To request a change, students should email the counselor and include their parent on the email. Please see allowable changes below:
  - Dropping or adding a performance based elective (sports, band, etc.)\* Coach/Instructor approval required
  - Credit already earned through summer school, Garza, CBE, etc
  - Drop an off period for a course (subject to availability in the course)
  - Error on course requests (not on choice sheet)
- Schedule changes **may** take a few days to be completed. Remember, we have approximately 800 freshman and new students registering daily. We will complete all schedule change requests as soon as possible in the order that we receive them. Students will need to follow their **original** schedule until they receive a new schedule from the counselor.

# Level Changes

**Student-requested level downs:** Students can request level downs (from Advanced/AP to academic) at the 6 week mark. We will send more information about the procedures as we get closer to this time.

**Student-requested level ups:** Students can do this from August 15th - August 22nd or at semester. They will need to do the summer work if any was required.

# **Closing Remarks & Questions**





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# Thank You!

We look forward to the 2022-2023 school year!

