



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 14, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

UPCOMING TESTING - There are a number of important tests scheduled between now and the end of the school year. Next week, Bowie will administer STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) exams. Freshmen will take the Biology EOC on Wednesday, juniors will take the U.S. History EOC on Thursday, and freshmen enrolled in Algebra 1 will take that EOC exam on Friday. Also, in an effort to earn college credit, many students will also be taking their College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exams between May 18 and 28. Per College Board requirements, some of the exams may be taken remotely while others must be administered on campus. Finally, the TSI exam, a college readiness and placement exam, will also be administered at Bowie to many juniors on Monday, May 24. We have been sending (and will continue to send) information about these tests to those students required or invited to participate in these tests and their parents/guardians.

Administering so many assessments in a short period of time means that teachers will be occupied with test proctoring duties on May 19, 20, 21, and 24 for all, or part, of the day. On these dates, teachers will provide independent learning activities and attendance tasks in BLEND for their students to complete. On-campus learners are welcome to come to Bowie on these days, although they will likely be displaced to an alternate classroom with a substitute teacher to work on their assignments while their teachers are proctoring.

SEMESTER EXAMS & ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES - Each semester, learning culminates with semester exams. These important assessments comprise 25% of the students' semester grades. Click [HERE](#) to review the 2021 Spring Exam Schedule. Please take note that there are no exams on the last day of school, and the last four days of school have an early release time with dismissal at 1:10 PM.

The exam incentive program allows qualifying students to substitute their semester exam score in one or two of their classes with a higher semester average (click [HERE](#) to see the official policy). Exam incentives are earned by having good attendance and engaging in learning. To redeem an exam incentive in a class, students must submit the Exam Incentive Claim Form by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 2. For more information about this program, refer to [Understanding Exam Incentives](#).

SUMMER SCHOOL & CREDIT RECOVERY - This summer, there are many different opportunities for students to regain credit for courses failed during the 2020-2021 school year, including an in-person summer school from June 7-17. Our in-person summer school is taught by Bowie staff, and

it is offered to Bowie students only. We are so appreciative that Bailey Middle School has graciously offered to host Bowie's in-person summer school while our campus is closed for construction this summer. To learn more about Bowie's in-person summer credit recovery program and other credit recovery opportunities, check out the [Bowie and AISD Summer Offerings flyer](#). Your child's counselor is available to discuss which program is most appropriate for your child (click [HERE](#) for counselor contact information).

MENTAL HEALTH MONTH - According to the World Health Organization, "There is no health without mental health." Most of us have faced or will face challenges that affect our mental health. May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, which offers us the opportunity to lift the stigma and honor those professionals working with those who are struggling. If your student is experiencing mental health difficulties, please reach out to our highly skilled [counseling team](#), who are equipped to support your student with resources and guidance.

CLASS ACTIVITIES - Shout out to our parents who continue to support Bowie students, including parents of the Class of 2024, who are launching their efforts to fundraise for the 2024 Project Graduation! Project Graduation is an all night, substance-free event following the students' graduation ceremony. Click [HERE](#) to join the Class of 2024 Parents' Booster Club or check out the new [Class of 2024 website](#). The rising seniors in Silver Stars are also busy readying the Class of 2022 Senior girls' t-shirts. They want everyone to know that the shirts are almost ready and more information is coming soon!

Go Dawgs!

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