



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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September 16, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION** - Bowie High School students have earned academic honors from the [College Board National Recognition Programs](#). These National Recognition Programs grant underrepresented students with academic honors that can be included on college and scholarship applications and connect students with universities across the country, helping them meaningfully connect to colleges and stand out during the admissions process. Colleges and scholarship programs identify students awarded National African American, Hispanic, and/or Indigenous Recognition through College Board's Student Search Service. Eligible students have a GPA of 3.5 or higher and have excelled on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10, or earned a score of 3 or higher on two or more AP Exams; and are African American or Black, Hispanic American or Latinx, and/or Indigenous. Congratulations goes to: Amilia Velez, Andrius Velez, Annika Ybarra, Avery Attaway, Avy Caputo-Espinosa, Cade Harrison, Christian Ulloa, Cristian Abarca, David Lax, Diego Scalone, Emma Munsinger, Grace Steffensen, Hector Elizondo, Henry Elizondo, Ian Urrabazo, Ignacio Franke, Isabella Tijerina, Jake Wilson, Jasmine Regalado, Javier Lozano, Jorge Peredo, Julius Rivera, Katherine Kuster, Kayla Graves, Lucas Burcham, Lucas Bole, Luke Arredondo, Marissa Morales, Matthew Martinez, Max Nathan, Miya Kutac, Monica Arce, Natalie Cullen, Nicolas Ospina, Paloma San Esteban, Sara Caballero, Sarah Laux, Shay Gist, Vera Romero, Zoe Kanz.

**AP EXAM REGISTRATION** - If you have a student enrolled in an Advanced Placement course, students will have an opportunity to receive college credit by taking the AP Exam. AP Exam Registration for Year-Long and Fall-Semester courses will begin on Monday, October 3. AP Exam Registration will close on November 11, 2022. Any student enrolled in a Spring-Semester Only course will have an opportunity to register for that course's AP Exam in the spring semester. For more information and details about AP Exam Registration, please visit our website [HERE](#). Please contact the AP Coordinator Kaylin Brett at [kaylin.brett@austinisd.org](mailto:kaylin.brett@austinisd.org) if you have any questions about AP Exam Registration.

**UIL ELIGIBILITY** - The [University Interscholastic League \(UIL\)](#) establishes the rules for all UIL activities and standards of eligibility for students to earn the privilege of representing their schools in interschool contests. One important component of eligibility is a student's academic standing, meaning that in order to participate in UIL activities students must be passing their courses. To ensure equity among students regardless if the student attends a school with a six week report card grading cycle or a nine week report card grading cycle, UIL requires an official grade check for all competing students at the first six weeks mark of the school year. **In Austin ISD, that six weeks grade check will occur at the end of next week on Friday, September 23, 2022, even though this is not the end of the report card cycle. Students with an average lower than 70% in an academic-level course (or an average lower than 60% in an advanced course) as of the following Friday will NOT be eligible to participate in their UIL activity.** The period of ineligibility will begin on Friday, September 30, and continue for at least three weeks. Thereafter, the student's grades will be checked every three weeks, and the student will become eligible to participate once they are passing all of their courses, meaning the grade check must indicate an average of 70% or higher in academic level classes or 60% or higher in advanced level courses.

Please take a few minutes to review your child's grades using the Parent Self-Service tile in the Austin ISD Parent Portal (<https://portal.austinisd.org>) and discuss any concerns with your child, particularly if their UIL eligibility is at stake. Encourage your student to talk to their teacher(s) about their progress and/or attend tutoring opportunities before and after school and during FIT. For your future reference, the [2022-23 UIL Eligibility Grade Check Dates](#) are available on the Student Activities page under the Students tab on the JBHS.org website.

**FOOD SERVICES REMINDER** - The Department of Agriculture pandemic-related waivers that allowed Austin ISD to provide free meals for all students expired at the end of the 2021-22 school year. **Therefore, students will no longer automatically receive free breakfast and lunch.** Families needing free or reduced-price meals for their student are encouraged to complete a meal benefit application. Students who qualify are also eligible for fee waivers and reductions for standardized testing, sending scores, and applications to some schools. Online applications are accessible by creating an account at [www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD](http://www.SchoolCafe.com/AustinISD), while hard-copy applications can be picked up from the Bowie main office next week.

**FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - If you're looking for a way to serve Bulldog Nation, we would love to visit with you about volunteering in our office. Front Office Volunteers assist in warmly greeting our guests, answering the doors, and signing visitors in and out of campus. If you are interested in becoming a FRONT OFFICE VOLUNTEER, please submit this [Volunteer Interest Form](#).

**GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM**- We are beginning the 2022-23 identification process for any students not previously identified for the Gifted and Talented (GT) program in earlier grades. The process includes several steps: nomination, screening, the testing process during the school day, and possible selection. At the high school level, the gifted program coincides with the Advanced and AP programs. There are no "pull-out" programs or GT classes per se, nor is identification of giftedness on the student's official transcript. Students who are identified as gifted at the high school level must take Advanced or AP level courses in the areas where they show that ability. If you would like more information about the GT nomination process for any students, please email Academic Director Kaylin Brett ([kaylin.brett@austinisd.org](mailto:kaylin.brett@austinisd.org)) by October 7, 2022. If you're interested in learning more about Gifted and Talented in AISD, join the Office of Advanced Academics for virtual presentations on September 19 and 20 (see flier [ENGLISH](#) / [SPANISH](#)).

Go Dawgs!

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Principal