



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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January 9, 2026

Happy New Year! We hope your family had a restful break, and we're excited to welcome our students back for a great second semester. We also want to take a moment to remind families to periodically check the Bowie website at [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org) for information and updates.

## **COURSE PLANNING CONFERENCES (2026–2027 School Year)**

As we begin the spring semester, counselors will meet with students during class to support course planning for the **2026–2027 school year**. Conferences will take place during the following classes: **Rising 10th graders** in World Geography (Jan. 12–13), **Rising 11th graders** in World History (Jan. 14–15), and **Rising 12th graders** in English III (Jan. 21–22).

During these sessions, counselors will review graduation requirements, course options, and postsecondary planning, and students will complete their choice sheets. Families are encouraged to review course selections together once confirmation emails are received. Preview materials, including grade-level Choice Sheet videos, are available on the [course scheduling website](#). The final day to request course changes is **May 28, 2026**. Please contact your student's [counselor](#) with any questions.

Families with questions about **summer course options** may note that common opportunities include [Austin Community College \(ACC\)](#) (students should work with our [College & Career Advisor, Amber Luna](#)) and [Garza High School Online](#), which often offers Health and, for rising seniors, Government and Economics.

**FIT COURSE FAIR** - Bowie is hosting a two-week FIT Course Fair between Tuesday, January 20, and Friday, January 30, during which teachers will offer sessions to recruit students, answer questions about a course, and review course requirements and expectations. Week One of the FIT Course Fair is devoted to core subjects, and Week Two will showcase elective course options. Please encourage your students to sign up ahead of time for FIT sessions about the courses that interest them on the [Enriching Students platform](#).



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**ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FOR AP EXAMS** — If your student receives accommodations through their 504 or IEP, testing accommodations must be

approved by the College Board before the AP Exams. Accommodations are not automatically granted on College Board exams. **The College Board deadline to request accommodations for AP Exams is on January 16, 2026.** Students only need to complete this process once throughout high school; approved accommodations follow them year to year for AP Exams. If you need support with this process, please reach out to our testing coordinator, [Alyssa Paramski](#).

**CULINARY LUNCHEONS** - Our culinary department will host weekly pop-up restaurant concepts featuring menus designed by some Culinary Seniors. All luncheons are \$15.00 cash or check only. If you are interested in receiving more information with the weekly menus and reservation details, please contact [Chef Howard](#) with your email contact. To see the weekly themes for our luncheons, please go [HERE](#).

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal