



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

December 1, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

PSAT SCORES - All scores from the October 26 administration of the PSAT will be available on Monday, December 6, 2021. Score reports for PSAT-related assessments are now exclusively online through the College Board website (click [HERE](#) to access reports or create a College Board account). With online reporting, students are seamlessly connected to other College Board opportunities, Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy®, college readiness resources, and a path to find scholarships. Students who provided their personal, non-AISD email address on their PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 8/9 answer sheets will receive an email reminder to view their October 26 PSAT scores online. Click [HERE](#) for videos to help you and your child interpret the PSAT score reports. There will also be a PSAT score interpretation presentation during the January 10, 2021 Academic Planning Night (more information coming soon).

SEMESTER EXAMS - Semester exams are scheduled for December 14-17. Students must take a semester exam (or complete a culminating activity) in every course. The exam grade counts 20% toward the semester average, with each 9-week report card grade comprising 40%. Two exams are scheduled for each day of the exam window, with students being released from school at 1:35 PM to allow them to go home and study for the next day's assessments (see the [2021-22 Fall Sem Exam Schedule](#)). Note that the 1:35 PM release time is slightly later than previous years. Bus schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES - To reward students for their attendance and engagement in learning, Bowie offers exam incentives. Earning the exam incentive allows a student to replace/substitute their semester exam score in one or two of their courses with their current semester average. Detailed exam incentive information can be found [HERE](#) or on the Attendance & Learning pages under the Students tab at JBHS.org.

Sometime on Thursday, December 9, students will be able to look up (using their student ID # on a form in the BLEND Bowie Community Course) how many exam incentives they earned. Prior to this official list being published on December 9, students can use the [EXAM INCENTIVE CALCULATOR](#) to estimate their exam incentives on their own.

If your student believes they were mistakenly left off the official exam incentive list published on December 9, or feel that the list does not accurately reflect pending corrections to the attendance record, your student should plan to attend the Exam Incentive Help & Troubleshooting sessions in room C102 during FIT or their lunch on Friday, December 10. It is far more efficient for the staff to problem-solve directly with the student, so thank you for encouraging your student to be their own advocate in the process and refraining from contacting staff yourself unless absolutely necessary. Note that there is sometimes a lag between the time the attendance data is pulled for exam incentives and when corrections are processed -- the staff in C102 will continue to issue/correct exam incentives

throughout the exam window as corrections to the attendance record are processed. I would also appreciate your patience with our attendance clerk during this time as the water leak days created a backlog of attendance coding corrections she is working hard to complete.

STAAR END-OF-COURSE INFORMATION - As a requirement for graduation, all students must pass five STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) exams, including Algebra 1, Biology 1, English 1, English 2, and U.S. History. Students who failed, or who were absent for, a previously scheduled EOC exam will be excused from some of their regular classroom instruction next week to take the required STAAR EOC retake/makeup test(s). Parents/guardians of students required to participate in next week's testing will be contacted later this week with detailed instructions and information.

RESEARCH REQUEST REMINDER - Austin ISD has partnered with the Annette Strauss Institute for Civic Life at The University of Texas at Austin to conduct a research study about parental and family attitudes on topics in education. Parents and guardians are requested to complete the 8-minute online survey by December 10, 2021. Participation is completely voluntary, and all answers will be anonymous. If you are interested in participating, please click on [this link](#) for the survey and additional information. Research results will be shared during the 2022-23 school year. If you have any questions, please contact heather.vaughn@austin.utexas.edu.

AISD VIRTUAL DUAL LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS - Interested in learning more about Dual Language programming? Whether your child currently participates in Dual Language or you're exploring options, we've got you covered. Choose a date:

- Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.–noon. Join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/DLDEC4>
- Wednesday, Jan 12, 6–8 p.m. Join via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/DLJAN12>

Go Dawgs!

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