



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

April 13, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE REMINDER - All returning student enrollment for the 2026–2027 school year was due by **April 10**. Families are encouraged to complete the process as soon as possible to support campus planning for next year. Enroll today at: <https://www.austinisd.org/enroll>.

STAAR EOC & FIT BLITZ - STAAR End-Of-Course exams are approaching. In order to help our students prepare, many departments are engaging in "FIT Blitz," where students are assigned to specific FIT tutoring sessions over the next few weeks aligned to skills tested for **Biology** or **Algebra 1**. Please encourage your student to double check their Enriching Students portal to make sure they know when and where they are scheduled. STAAR EOC dates are listed below. Please note that students who are testing will not be allowed to leave early on these dates:

- **April 15** - Biology (9th grade)
- **April 16** - US History (11th grade)
- **April 23** - Algebra 1 (9th grade)

AISD FISCAL FORECAST 26-27 - At Austin ISD, our goal is to ensure every student has what they need to thrive. As we face a significant budget shortfall due to a "perfect storm" of rising costs and stagnant state funding, we must make difficult choices.

Austin ISD has done everything possible to keep budget cuts away from the classroom, but we have reached a point where that's no longer sustainable. The reality is that we provide essential programs that the state fails to fund. We must now make significant changes, and we are asking our community to help us decide how to do that while protecting the student experience that makes our district special.

We value your input in this process. Please use this [survey](#) to share your feedback and suggestions as we work toward thoughtful, informed decisions. Your voice is essential in helping us navigate these challenging circumstances. Responses are anonymous. The survey will take 10-15 minutes. You may skip any question or area as you give feedback. Information will be used to help guide decisions with school leaders and the Austin ISD Board of Trustees.

AISD EARTH WEEK (April 20–May 1) - Join Austin ISD in celebrating **Earth Week, April 20–May 1**, as we promote sustainability and environmental awareness across our community. Earth Day will be observed on **April 21**, with opportunities for students and families to engage in meaningful activities both at school and at home. Visit the [AISD](#)



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[Earth Week webpage](#) to explore ideas and resources for taking action and making a positive impact on our planet.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH - April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and April 19–25 is Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support our students, staff, and campus community each day. Their time, dedication, and care make a meaningful difference at Bowie. The City of Austin will also recognize this impact with an official Volunteer Program Appreciation Day proclamation on April 23.

Go Dawgs!

Dr. Cathryn Mitchell, Principal Substitute