



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 22, 2021

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

STAAR EXAMS - Bowie administered 1,675 STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) exams this week! We appreciate your response in getting your child to campus for testing. STAAR EOC test results will be posted in your AISD Parent Portal in June. Bowie staff will soon be reaching out to parents regarding make-up exams and/or summer remediation opportunities related to the STAAR EOC results. STAAR EOC makeup exams will be administered June 22-24 (times and location TBD). For questions about STAAR EOC makeup exams, please contact Wendy Escobedo (wendy.escobedo@austinisd.org).

SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS - Semester final exams will begin on Thursday, May 27th. The exam for each class is 25% of the student's semester grade. As indicated on the [Spring Exam Schedule](#), students are allowed two hours to complete each exam and may take them on-campus or remotely. Students will be dismissed at 1:10 PM on each of the last 4 days of school; buses will operate on an adjusted schedule. Prior to exams, students can check their exam incentive eligibility using the form linked [HERE](#). Students who are eligible for one or two exam attendance incentives must submit their Incentive Claim Form by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 2. The links to the Incentive Claim Forms will soon be posted on the BLEND Bowie Community Course home page.

SUMMER LEARNING - Bowie and AISD are offering a number of academic support services this summer. Students can recover credit for failed courses by attending Bowie's in-person summer school June 7-17 (located at Bailey Middle School) or participating in online courses through Garza High School. There will also be an EOC review and preparation camp for those students who failed one or more of the five STAAR End-of-Course exams and are planning to retake it June 22-24. For more information about these programs and others, click [HERE](#).

SENIOR CLASS MEETING - In less than two weeks, we will all be celebrating the academic accomplishments of our seniors as they walk the graduation stage. Next week there will be a Zoom meeting for all graduating seniors during FIT at 10:40 AM to discuss graduation logistics and other important senior housekeeping tasks. Seniors with last names A-L will attend on Tuesday, May 25th and those with last names M-Z will attend on Wednesday, May 26th. Click [HERE](#) or check out the latest edition of [Bowie Counseling News](#) for more information about graduation.

CHROMEBOOK RETURNS - All Seniors, and any students not returning to Bowie in the fall, must turn in all AISD technology including Chromebooks, chargers, Chromebook bags, and WiFi hotspots before graduation. Chromebooks can be turned in daily to the Bowie main office. There will also be a [Chromebook Curbside Drop Off](#) at Bowie 12:00-5:00 PM on Thursday, June 3. It is very important that students label the items with their name and ID# to ensure they get credit for returning items.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY - The Texas School Safety Center Youth Safety Summit is a three-day virtual event designed to educate and inspire youth seeking to become leaders in school safety. Students in grades 8-12 will have the opportunity to develop and expand their knowledge through workshops and skills clinics, as well as to connect with other youth across the state. Participants will leave with an action plan for implementing a project of their choice in their school or community. In an effort to make this event the most effective and engaging, spots are limited. The registration deadline has been extended to Wednesday, May 26. Each participant will be notified by Friday, May 28 of the status of their registration application. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and register.

SUMMER CAMPUS CLOSURE - As construction commences on Bowie's new Fine Arts facilities, most of the Bowie campus will be closed over the summer. Our office staff will be working from the portables, while student and teacher programs are relocated to other AISD campuses. If you need assistance over the summer please call the main office at 512.414.5247 x0. Some Bowie programs will be hosting summer camps this year, so keep checking the [Summer Camp Schedule](#) on the JBHS website.

ATTENTION JUNIORS - Beginning with the Class of 2022, all students will be required to complete either the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or the TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid) before they can graduate. Click [HERE](#) for information about this new requirement. These applications open on October 1, 2021, but we wanted to share this information with you now. For more information about these applications, students are encouraged to visit the [BLEND Class of 2022 page](#). This BLEND page was first debuted during junior conferences in January and is a great resource to help prepare you for the College and Career processes. If you do not have access, please email our College and Career Counselor Ms. Valverde (carli.valverde@austinisd.org).

REGISTRATION - If your student is returning to Bowie next year, please make sure to complete the annual registration process. Families registering students returning to AISD should log in to their AISD Portal account. The online registration system is available only through the [AISD Portal](#) at portal.austinisd.org. Families who haven't previously created an account may do so at portal.austinisd.org. The returning student registration forms will have pre-populated information from the student's current record. Some data (appears grayed out) will be view-only. You will need to email Joanna Willard in our Data Processing office at joanna.willard@austinisd.org or contact her by phone at 512.414.7314 to make changes to these fields. All returning students who have had a recent change of address must submit proof of residency to their campus for the 2021-22 school year. Please note that additional documentation may be requested to complete enrollment.

Go Dawgs!

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