



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

May 6, 2026

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

GRADUATION UPDATES – Graduation for the Class of 2026 will take place on **May 28 at 8:00 p.m.** at the Burger Athletic Complex. When viewing the stage, graduates with **last names A–K will be seated on the right side**, and **L–Z on the left**, to help families plan seating accordingly.

Parking: Due to the increasing cost of [graduation ceremonies](#), Austin ISD will continue with paid parking at the Burger Athletic Complex. **Pre-paid parking is \$15**, and **day-of-event parking is \$20**. Guests can pre-purchase parking through the [district parking website](#). **Free shuttle service** will continue to be available from each high school. For **ADA parking**, families are encouraged to arrive early, as spaces are available on both sides of the stadium on a first-come, first-served basis.

SENIOR BREAKFAST DONATIONS – Parents, please [sign up to donate items](#) for the Senior Breakfast on May 27. Donations of gift cards, drinks, and paper goods can be brought to the front office anytime between now and the morning of May 27 (please label the items “SENIOR BREAKFAST”). Perishable food such as donuts, muffins, fruit, etc. can be brought to the front of the campus before school starting at 7:45 am on the morning of May 27 (student volunteers will be waiting at the curb to unload the items from your vehicle). **The Senior Breakfast will take place from 9:05 to 10:35 am as part of the senior week celebrations.**

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of tacos, food, and other supplies for the event, please select “Bowie Class of 2026 Senior Breakfast Donations” on the [Bowie Webstore](#).

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES – With spring exams approaching, we wanted to share some reminders about Bowie’s Attendance Incentive program. Bowie offers exam incentives to reward excellent attendance. The exam incentive allows eligible students to replace their exam grade with a higher semester average in either one or two of their classes. The [Understanding Incentives document](#) provides a helpful overview of the exam incentive program. Some things to keep in mind:

- **All absences count, regardless of the reason.** The few exceptions (like school-related absences or partial-day absences for a medical appointment), can be viewed on the [Summary of Attendance Rules](#) document.



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- The incentive eligibility list is based on the official attendance record you see in the AISD Portal's Self-Serve (Attendance and Grades) tile. **The student should contact the teacher regarding any attendance errors as soon as possible.** Only the teacher of record can initiate an attendance correction.
- Students should be on the lookout for more information coming soon regarding how many attendance incentives they earned for this semester and how to apply them.

BOWIE SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION – Bowie will offer summer school opportunities for students needing **credit recovery** during early June. Students may recover up to **two semesters of credit** for previously failed courses through teacher-led, in-person classes on the Bowie campus. [Registration will be completed online only.](#) Please contact your student's counselor or review the [Bowie Summer School flyer](#) for additional details.

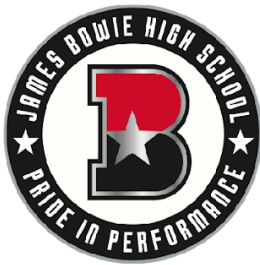
SUMMER 2026 STAAR EOC TESTING – STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) make-up exams will be administered at Bowie High School on the following dates:

- **June 16:** English I and U.S. History
- **June 17:** Algebra I and English II
- **June 18:** Biology and Make-Up Exams

Additional details regarding the June STAAR EOC testing session will be shared via email soon. If you have any questions about summer testing, please contact **Alyssa Paramski**, Testing Coordinator, at alyssa.paramski@austinisd.org.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES – Bowie seniors in the **Practicum for Entrepreneurship** course are gaining real-world experience through supervised internships in fields such as business, computer science, counseling/mental health, and culinary arts. As a capstone CTE experience, this program helps prepare students for employment and post-secondary pathways. With enrollment tripling next year, we are seeking additional community partners. If you are interested in hosting a Bowie intern, please contact **Kris Maniscalco** at kris.maniscalco@austinisd.org.

CAMPUS ADVISORY COUNCIL (CAC) MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY – Bowie High School is currently seeking **parent/guardian and business representatives** (including parents/guardians) to serve on the [Campus Advisory Council \(CAC\)](#). The CAC is a collaborative committee that provides input on the campus educational program, performance, improvement plan, staff development, budget, and other key campus decisions. The CAC meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 AM.



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Parents/guardians and business representatives are invited to apply for **two-year membership terms**. If you are interested in serving and can represent the interests of all Bowie students and families, please complete the application below:

- [English Application](#)
- [Spanish Application](#)

Selected applicants will be contacted directly with next steps regarding their invitation to serve. If you have any questions, please contact **Hallé Whittington**, School Improvement Facilitator, at halle.whittington@austinisd.org.

Go Dawgs!

Dr. Cathryn Mitchell, Principal Substitute