



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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August 5, 2025

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

I hope you have all been enjoying your summer. Here at Bowie, we've been working hard to make sure the upcoming school year will be a great one.

**UPCOMING 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR** - Bowie will be hosting several events to help students and their families get ready for the new school year.

- **Parent Meet & Greet** - Parents/guardians are invited to stop by the Bowie Library from either **8-9 am or 5-6 pm on Friday, August 8** for an informal meet-and-greet with the counselors and administrators. We wanted our new families to have the opportunity to put a name with a face before the school year begins.
- **9th Grade Parent Night** - We are also inviting our 9th grade parents to our 9th Grade Parent Night on **Wednesday, August 13 from 6:00-7:00** to help you with the transitions to high school.
- **Meet at the Tree** - On **Monday, August 18 from 5:30-6:30**, all students are invited to access their class schedules and locate their classrooms during the [Meet at the Tree](#) Campus Preview. **Please note that Meet at the Tree is for students only!**

See the [Back to School Buzz flyer](#) for additional information about **Back-to-School Night** and other important event details.

**SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS REMINDER** - Some advanced courses require students to complete assignments over the summer. If your student is taking an advanced course, please make sure they are aware of the [summer work expectations](#) posted on the Bowie website.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** - Remember, the new school year begins at **9:05 am on Tuesday, August 19!** Approximately one week in advance, you and your student will receive detailed instructions about logistics, including where and when to report, lunch information, transportation information, and more. This information



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will also be available in the [News section](#) of the Bowie website at [bowie.austinschools.org](http://bowie.austinschools.org).

**BASELINE EXPECTATIONS** - [Bowie's Baseline Expectations](#) were developed and implemented three years ago as a way to communicate expectations and promote positive behavior among students. A team of teachers and administrators identified four key practices to be collectively implemented by every staff member and in every classroom to support campus safety and student learning. While Bowie High School has emphasized phone-free learning for years, any updated regulations as a result of HB 1481 prohibiting students using cell phones during the school will be shared when it is released by Austin ISD.

**CAMPUS RENOVATIONS** - Several campus renovations continued over the summer. The administration building was modified to create a secure vestibule entry to the campus. Additional components in the HVAC system were replaced to improve the operation and overall efficiency of the climate control system. Finally, work got underway to renovate and improve the outdoor athletic facilities. The project includes a new 6-lane track, an artificial turf field with markings for football and soccer, field lighting for football, baseball, and softball, bleachers, press box, scoreboard, and improvements for track and field. Work is scheduled to continue through Winter Break.

**SAFETY REMINDERS** - In the interest of safety and security, we ask that everyone in Bulldog Nation follow the protocols and procedures explained below.

- **Secure Perimeter** - Bowie maintains a defined and secure perimeter that includes the Academic Buildings, Fine Arts Building, Athletics Building, cafeteria, and the interior courtyard. Students must remain within this secure perimeter at all times during the school day. The only students authorized to exit the campus when school is in session are: (1) students with an off-campus period in their schedule; (2) seniors with off-campus lunch privileges; (3) students who have been checked-out by a parent through the main office; or (4) students participating in a teacher-directed



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instructional activity and under teacher supervision. All other students are not allowed beyond the secure perimeter during school hours.

- **No Curbside Deliveries** - To monitor who and what moves on and off campus, **students will not be allowed to receive any deliveries at the front of the campus (curbside)**. Parents wishing to drop off an item for a student must park and bring the item into the main office where it can then be retrieved by the student. The main office will not accept any items for students from delivery services such as Door Dash or Uber Eats. Thank you for helping us keep the campus safe and for honoring our staff's valuable time by only dropping off items that are truly essential.
- **Student ID Badges** - We provide IDs and lanyards for all students. Students must wear their ID badge when they are on campus. **Replacement lanyards are available for \$2 and replacement IDs are \$5. Both may be purchased in the office before school or during lunch.**

**CAMPUS ENTRANCE** - Bowie maintains a single point of access at the main canopy entrance to the courtyard where the secure vestibule is located. Perimeter fencing around campus is designed to prevent anyone accessing the campus from any other direction. This includes the Veloway. Since the Veloway is a wheeled park, pedestrians are not allowed to pass through the park to access the campus. This also prohibits students leaving the campus and walking through the Veloway on their way home at the end of the day.

**DROP OFF & PICK UP REMINDERS** - [Traffic and parking information for Bowie High School is available online](#), so that everyone is aware of the systems we have in place for the safe and efficient flow of pedestrians and wheeled traffic around campus. Please review the JBHS Parking & Traffic Flow Map. It is vital for all of our students and staff, but especially our new student drivers, for traffic on campus to follow the established pattern and model safe and legal best practices for driving. Parents picking up and dropping off at Bowie should use the loop around Lot A (outlined in red on the map.) Whenever you are dropping off or picking up your student, please enter and exit using the Slaughter Lane entrance by the marquee. The Wolftrap entrance and exit is limited to buses,



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faculty and staff, and students parking in the garage. It will be important to maintain these traffic patterns and procedures as the Slaughter Lane corridor undergoes mobility improvements this school year .

**CHECKOUT PROCEDURES** - When picking up your child, park and proceed to the main office with your identification. The office staff will then retrieve your child from class. **To authorize your child to drive themselves off campus, you must submit the [Driving Pass Request form](#) 24 hours in advance.** The form is open from 4:30 PM and closes the following morning at 7:30 AM daily, and requires the authorized parent or guardian to upload an image of their identification. Please do not plan to pick up your child from school after 4:15 PM to alleviate congestion and confusion at the end of the school day.

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal