



# JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

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February 9, 2022

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

**LOCKDOWN DRILL** - Please be aware that Bowie will be conducting a lockdown drill on Thursday, February 10, 2022. Lockdown drills are designed to test procedures for removing people from a life-threatening situation inside the school building. These actions include ensuring all students are out of the halls, classroom lights are turned off, and doors are locked. TEA requires that each campus and district facility hold at least one lockdown drill per semester.

**STAAR BIOLOGY EOC FIELD TEST** - On Friday, February 18, 2022, all 9th grade students will participate in the STAAR EOC Field Test for Biology. Schools are randomly selected by the Texas Education Agency to administer various field tests every few years for the purpose of gathering statistical information about potential future test questions. *NOTE: The February 18, 2021 Biology EOC Field Test does not replace the official STAAR Biology EOC Exam that freshmen will take on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 and is required for graduation.*

On February 18, freshmen will report to their assigned test site by 9:05 AM (the test site rosters will be posted in front of the library and emailed to parents/guardians and students). Students will need an AISD-issued Chromebook to take the field test and to take all the other official STAAR EOC exams this school year. **If your child does not currently have an AISD-issued Chromebook, please request one for them using the “Technology Distribution” tile in the AISD Parent Portal and then have your child pick up their Chromebook from the A-hall technology center (room A117) before school or during their lunch.** The Biology EOC Field Test is an abbreviated assessment, so freshmen should finish around 11:00 AM and resume their regular class schedule.

**2022-23 COURSE SELECTION** - Today, during their 1st period classes, students in grades 9, 10, and 11 were guided in the submission of their course requests for the 2022-23 school year. Although the counselors will continue to process requested course changes with parent consent until the end of the year, Bowie must have a full-schedule submitted for all students by the end of this week. This data is critical for us to project staffing for the following school year. Please take a few minutes to verify that your child completed this process by checking that their Self-Serve screen displays their requested courses. If your child has not yet completed this task, have them follow the [Self-Serve Instructions](#) to submit their course requests as soon as possible. Next week, parents and guardians will receive an email verifying the courses selected. If you have any

questions about scheduling for next year, please contact your [child's counselor](#). For other counseling news, check out this month's [Counseling Team Newsletter](#).

**STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT FEEDBACK REQUEST** - The AISD Student Support Service Department is collecting feedback on the current AISD Student Code of Conduct (SCOC) with the goal of improving the SCOC for the 2022-2023 school year. Feedback from parents/caregivers, staff, students, and community members is important in guiding these changes to make the document easier to communicate, read, and understand. Please use this survey link to provide your feedback by February 12, 2022:

[https://austinisd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_d0cRRLjb3BMnkN0](https://austinisd.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_d0cRRLjb3BMnkN0).

Remember, Friday, February 11, is a student and staff holiday! I hope that everyone enjoys their three-day weekend!

Go Dawgs!

Mark Robinson  
Principal