

# Incoming 9th Grade Information

Class of 2028



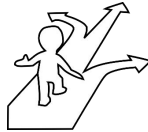
## You Belong at Bowie



# Bowie High School's Roadmap for Success

What Are the  
Required Courses?

What Kinds of Academic  
Supports Are Available?



Who Am I and Where  
Am I Heading?

What Are My Elective  
Course Options?

How Can I Accelerate My  
Learning or Participate in  
Advanced Academics?



## Career Interest Inventories



Who Am I and Where  
Am I Heading?



# Graduation Requirements

What Are the  
Required Courses?



## AISD Prescribed Graduation Plan (26 Credits)

4 English Credits

- English 1, English 2, English 3, and English 4

4 Math Credits

- Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, 4th Math Credit

4 Science Credits

- Biology, IPC or Chemistry, & Two Additional Science Credits

4 Social Studies Credits

- World Geography, World History, US History, Government (0.5) and Economics (0.5)

2 Credits of the Same Language Other Than English

1 Fine Arts Credit

1 PE Credit

0.5 Health Credit

5.5 Elective Credits



# End-of-Course Exams

Students must pass five end-of-course exams:

- ▶ English 1 (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ Algebra 1 (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ Biology (9<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ English 2 (10<sup>th</sup> grade)
- ▶ US History (11<sup>th</sup> grade)



*Students who do not pass their EOC exams and do not pass the retests in the summer will be enrolled in an intervention course the following year.*



## 90% Attendance

Semester credit is withheld when a student exceeds 4 unexcused absences.



# Cumulative GPA

The numerical average of the points assigned to EVERY grade the student has earned.

- ▶ Based on ALL high school credit courses the student has taken (core, electives, etc.)
- ▶ Advanced/ AP/ Honors courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale
- ▶ This GPA can be viewed in Naviance and is not used to determine rank
- ▶ Appears on transcripts, sent to colleges
- ▶ New GPA's generated after each semester.



# Class Rank

A measure of student performance compared to other students in the class.

Based on 4 core subjects & LOTE

- ▶ Up to 8 semesters of English
- ▶ Up to 8 semesters of Math
- ▶ Up to 8 semesters of Science
- ▶ World Geo OR World History, US History, Government, & Economics
- ▶ Up to 4 semesters of LOTE
  
- ▶ Calculated after every semester in grades 10-12
- ▶ Official rank starts in Spring of 10th grade year
- ▶ Used to determine top 10% and quartiles for college admissions



# Electives & Pathways

<https://bowie.austinschools.org/academics/course-scheduling>



What Are My Elective Course Options?



## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Supports

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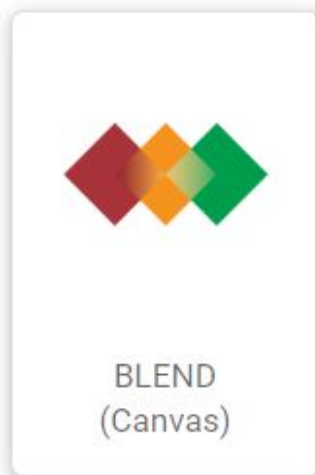


# Academic Tools

AISD Chromebook



# Academic Tools





# Advanced Academics



How Can I Accelerate My  
Learning or Participate in  
Advanced Academics?



## Advanced v. Academic

- ▶ The advanced level of a course prepares students for rigorous Advanced Placement and dual credit curriculum
- ▶ Advanced level courses are weighted in the student's GPA



# Advanced Academic Readiness

- ▶ Works well independently
- ▶ Creative in regard to solving problems
- ▶ Readily applies learned principles to new situations
- ▶ Responds positively to challenging situations
- ▶ Has a strong intuitive sense for the subject matter
- ▶ Shows a high degree of interest and motivation
- ▶ Has experienced high achievement in past courses (STAAR scores, grades, etc.)
- ▶ Shows above average ability in critical reading skills, writing skills, and oral expression
- ▶ Shows above average maturity in relationship to classroom behaviors and critical thinking and application skills



## Other considerations

- ▶ Will I be okay making average grades in a course
- even if I am working much harder than I did in middle school?
- ▶ How much time do I have in the evenings for homework?
- ▶ Will I be able to complete the summer work before the first day of class?



### TIME MANAGEMENT FORM

For the categories below that apply to you, please enter the hours per week that you will spend on that class or activity outside of school. Calculate your total weekly hours. Once your form is complete, please share it with your parent(s)/guardian(s).



### ESTIMATED HOMEWORK COMMITMENT

Use these guidelines to calculate your weekly time commitments. Times reported are total hours per week.  
 \*\*\* DISCLAIMER: The times noted in this document are estimations of how much time the average student will need to spend on homework each in preparedness, focus and effort, study habits, and other factors.

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH (LOTE)		
Class	Est. Min Time	Est. Max Time
American Sign Language	1.5 hours	3 hours
French I	1 hours	2 hours
French II	1 hours	2 hours
Pre-AP French III	1 hours	2 hours
AP French IV	2 hours	3 hours
Spanish I	1 hours	2 hours
Spanish II	1 hours	2 hours

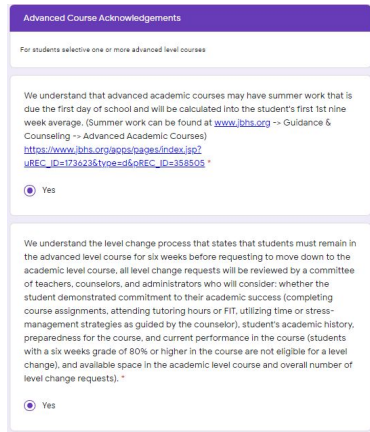
SCIE	
Class	
Academic Biology (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
Pre-AP Biology (9 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
IPC – Integrated Physics and Chemistry	
Academic Chemistry	
Pre-AP Chemistry	
AP Chemistry	
Academic Physics	

SCHOOL WORK			
School (for most students, this will be 36.5 = 5 days x 7.5 hours)	Est. Min Time (hours)	Est. Max Time (hours)	Est. Avg. Hours/Week
ENGLISH			
SOCIAL STUDIES			
MATH			
SCIENCE			
LANGUAGE			
ELECTIVES			
TOTAL			

DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES	
	Est. Avg. Hours/Week
SLEEP	
NECESSITIES (Eating, Showering, Chores)	
FAMILYTIME	
FREETIME (Friends, Phone, Social Media, Internet, Video Games, Reading, Etc...)	
COMMUTING & TRAVELING	
TOTAL	



# Advanced Course Acknowledgements



The screenshot shows a digital form titled "Advanced Course Acknowledgements" with a purple header. Below the title, it says "For students selective one or more advanced level courses". The form contains two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph explains that advanced academic courses may have summer work that is due the first day of school and will be calculated into the student's first nine-week average, with a link to the JHS website for guidance. The second paragraph explains the level change process, stating that students must remain in the advanced level course for six weeks before requesting to move down, and that level change requests will be reviewed by a committee. Both paragraphs have a "Yes" radio button selected at the bottom.

- ▶ All students planning to take an advanced level course must indicate that they will take an advanced level course in the acknowledgements section of their choice sheet.
- ▶ A second set of acknowledgements will be required. Students must acknowledge the requirements of an advanced course such as rigor and summer assignments as well as an understanding of our level change policy.



# Advanced Level Summer Work

- ▶ Most advanced level courses require summer work as indicated on the choice sheet & our website.
- ▶ Summer work will be due the first week of school and count as a major assignment grade.
- ▶ Summer work can be found on the [Bowie Website](#).



# Gifted & Talented Program

- ▶ Students who identified as GT in Humanities must take either Advanced English or Advanced Social Studies (or be furloughed or exited from the program)
- ▶ Students who are GT in STEM must either take Advanced Math or Advanced Science (or be furloughed or exited from the program)
- ▶ Students do not need to be identified as GT to take Advanced, AP, or dual-credit courses.



January 10th	Incoming 9th Grade Showcase at Bowie Course & Club Fair 5:30PM-7:30PM
January 16th & 17th	Classroom Advising at Small MS
January 18th	Classroom Advising at Gorzycki MS
January 22nd	Classroom Advising at Bailey MS
January 23rd	Classroom Advising at Covington MS
January 24th	Classroom Advising at Lively MS 1:40PM- 2:15PM Classroom Advising at Kealing MS
January 25th	Incoming 9th Grade Student & Parent Advising at Bowie 5:30PM- 6:30PM Last Names A-K 6:30PM- 7:30PM Last Names L-Z
January 26th	All Choice Sheets must be submitted
March TBD	Round One of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
April TBD	Round Two of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May TBD	Round Three of Course Verifications Sent to Parents via Email
May 23rd	"Change of Mind" Deadline
August TBD	Meet at the Tree- Campus Preview Event



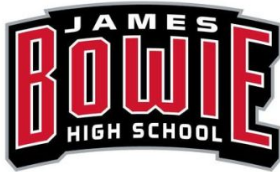
## 9th Grade Bowie Choice Sheet 2024-2025

[Redacted] 

\* Indicates required question

Email \*

☐ Recd [Redacted] included with my response



After submission, a copy of this form will be emailed to both the student and parent(s).

Students may edit their choice sheet form responses (via the edit button on their confirmation email) until January 26th. After that date, students may make changes to their courses until our change of mind deadline, May 23rd, by emailing their Bowie counselor.



GF Google Forms <forms-receipts-noreply@google.com>

To: [Redacted]

Warning: EXTERNAL SENDER, use caution when opening links or attachments.

 Google Forms

Thanks for filling out [9th Grade Bowie Choice Sheet](#) [Redacted]

Here's what was received.

Bowie Choice Sheet [Redacted]  



 Bowie High School Scheduling <laura.k.rodriguez@gaustinsisd.org>  
to me, [Redacted]

📧 10:58 AM (2 minutes ago) ☆ ↶ ⋮

Your student, [Redacted] has submitted their Bowie choice sheet for the [Redacted] school year. Please review their selections below.

Students may edit their choice sheet form responses (via the edit button on their confirmation email) until [Redacted] After that date, students may make changes to their courses until our change of mind deadline, [Redacted] mailing their counselor.

For course offerings & videos, check out our [course scheduling website!](#)



# Course Selection Resources



## Mission

Our mission is to provide our students with the knowledge and skills to be successful both at Bowie and in life. Our comprehensive guidance program is comprised with various activities and events for our students and parents including: academic planning, mental health support, classroom guidance lessons, presentations, etc.

All of our presentations will be posted the day after the event and can be found under the "Presentations" tab on the left-hand side of the page.

## Upcoming Events

Incoming 9th Grade- Class of 2027

Advanced Course Summer Work

Course Scheduling

## Calendars, Bell and Exam Schedules

- [Austin ISD Calendar 22-23](#)
- [A/B Calendar 22-23](#)
- [Bowie Bell Schedule 22-23](#)

[Bowie](#)  
[Counseling Department](#)  
[Website](#)



# All 9th Graders Will Take 8 Classes



# Block Schedule



1ST LUNCH BELL SCHEDULE		
*1st / 5th	9:05	- 10:35
<b>FIT</b>	<b>10:41</b>	- <b>11:07</b>
<b>1ST LUNCH</b>	<b>11:07</b>	- <b>11:47</b>
2nd / 6th	11:53	- 1:23
3rd / 7th	1:29	- 2:59
4th / 8th	3:05	- 4:35

2ND LUNCH BELL SCHEDULE		
*1st / 5th	9:05	- 10:35
<b>FIT</b>	<b>10:41</b>	- <b>11:07</b>
2nd / 6th	11:13	- 12:43
<b>2ND LUNCH</b>	<b>12:43</b>	- <b>1:23</b>
3rd / 7th	1:29	- 2:59
4th / 8th	3:05	- 4:35

*\*official attendance time for funding purposes is 10:30 AM*



# Course Changes



**FINAL**  
**May 23rd**



# Level Changes



## Incoming 9th Grade Showcase



**January 10, 2024**

**5:30PM-7:30PM**

### Schedule of Events

5:30PM-6:30PM: Course & Club Fair- Come & Go

6:30PM-7:00PM: Scheduled Presentations- Session #1 (Optional)

7:00PM-7:30PM: Scheduled Presentations- Session #2 (Optional)





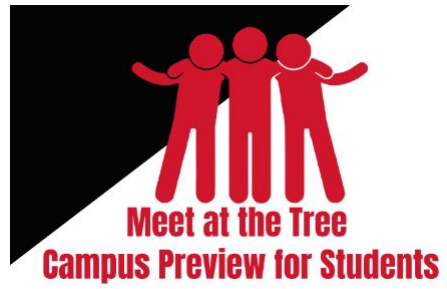
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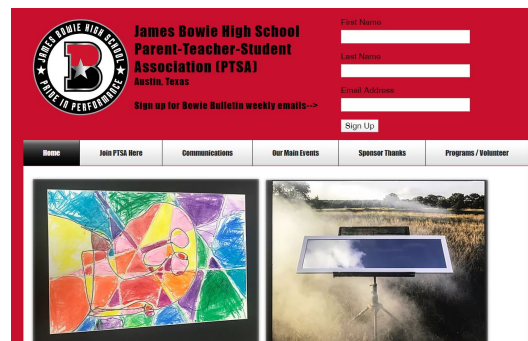
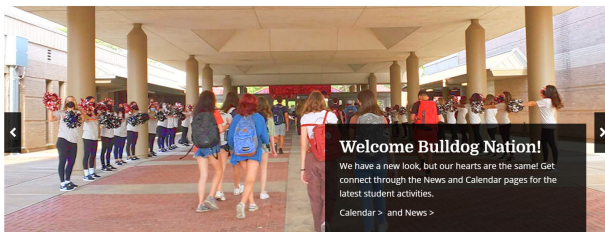


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“All you need  
is the plan, the  
road map,  
and the courage  
to press on  
to your destination.”

Earl Nightingale

