



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

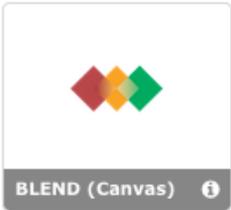
❖ *Pride In Performance* ❖

Wednesday, December 5, 2018
Greetings Bulldog Nation,

This week's Bowie Star is dedicated to BLEND, our learning management system in AISD. BLEND is a Learning Management System (LMS) designed to support and amplify teaching, learning, and communication in Austin ISD. (*BLEND is our district's version of [Canvas](#).)

1) Accessing BLEND

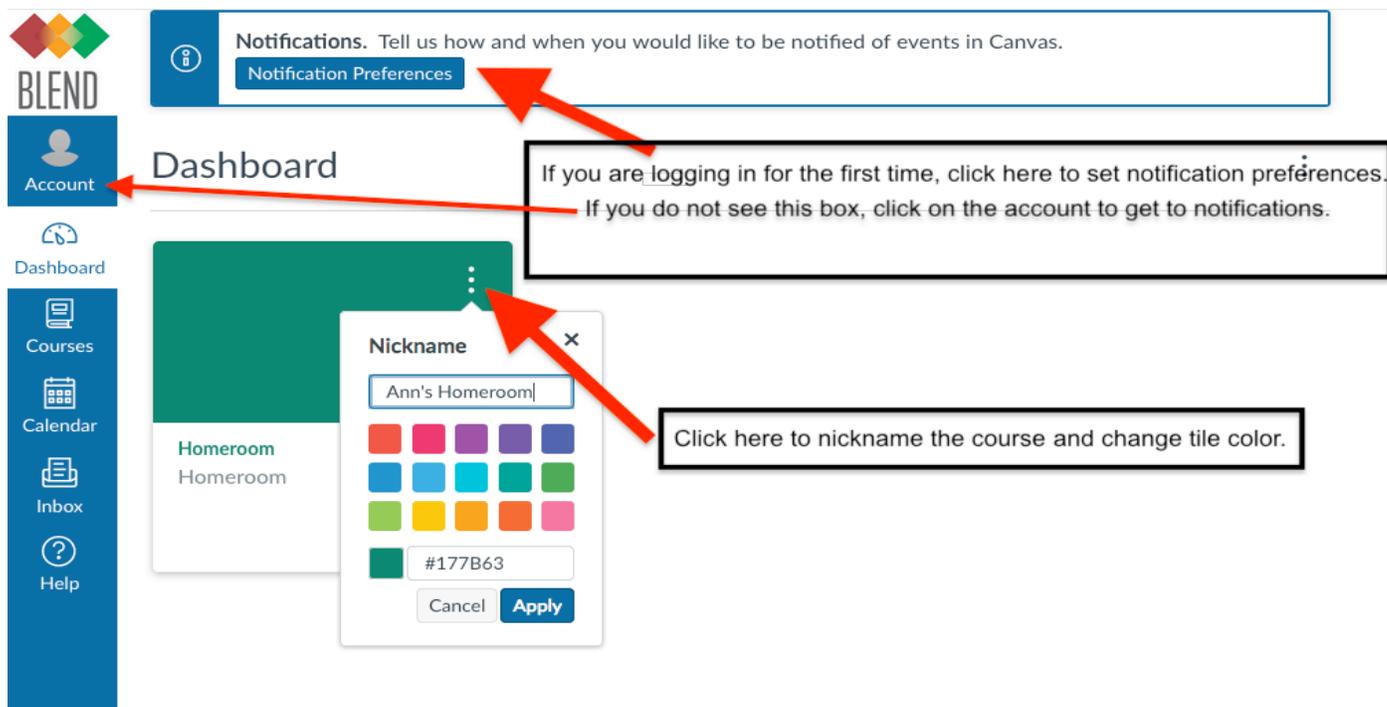
To get started with BLEND, you must first [set up](#) a Parent Cloud Account at [my.austinisd.org](#). If you need help setting up your Parent Cloud Account, call Parent Tech Support at **512-414-9187**. Then:



Log in to [portal.austinisd.org](#) from your web browser with your AISD Parent Cloud credentials and click the BLEND tile.

2) Organizing Your BLEND Dashboard

When you log in to BLEND through the portal, you will be directed to dashboard view. We recommend customizing course names and color-coding, especially if you have multiple students:



Notifications. Tell us how and when you would like to be notified of events in Canvas.
Notification Preferences

Account

Dashboard

Courses

Calendar

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Cancel Apply

If you are logging in for the first time, click here to set notification preferences.
If you do not see this box, click on the account to get to notifications.

Click here to nickname the course and change tile color.

3) Setting Your BLEND Notification Preferences

Click on **Account** (as pictured above). Next, click on **Settings**, and then **Notifications**. You'll be able to select how often you receive notifications for each item type. Use the icons on the next page.

By clicking **Account** and **Settings** you can also add an additional email address or mobile # to receive notifications. You will need to manage the settings for *each* additional contact method you add from within **Notification Preferences**.

**Reminder: Parent Self-Serve is the gradebook of record. Use this tile in the Parent Cloud for overall course grade updates.*

4) Understanding the Parent Mobile App

The Canvas (BLEND) Parent app is designed to provide a *quick view* of your child’s courses via your iOS or Android device. For a more complete course view, access BLEND via portal.austinisd.org.

	<p>Download the Canvas Parent app on your device and search for Austin Independent School District. Log in with your Parent Cloud credentials.</p>
<p><i>With the Canvas app parents can...</i></p>	<p><i>With the Canvas app parents cannot...</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • view the course syllabus (if published), course assignments, and calendar events. • set alerts to receive reminders for specific assignments / calendar events (sent to mobile devices as push notifications). • monitor their child’s performance on BLEND assignments (overall course grades are accessible using the Self-Serve tile in the Parent Cloud). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • access course content (course homepage, content pages, embedded google docs, files, other students’ work, etc.). • submit assignments, participate in discussions or take quizzes on their child’s behalf. • participate in the course in any way.

5) Accessing All Courses View

Not seeing one of your child’s courses? Teachers are still learning to use BLEND, so not all courses are published. To see *all* of your child’s course enrollments, click on **Courses** in the blue navigation bar and scroll down to click on **All Courses**. You will see a list of all published/unpublished courses:

Course	Nickname	Term	Enrolled as	Published
Practice summer 2018			Student	No
■ 10 Easy Tips, Tricks, & Tools for Accessible Design in BL...			Student	Yes

Since the “Practice summer 2018” course is not yet published, it will not display on the dashboard.



****Looking for more detailed parent-facing BLEND info?**

Access a video tour of BLEND by visiting bit.ly/BLENDnavigation

Click on the BLEND Parent Tour tile in the Parent Cloud OR go to bit.ly/BLENDparentTOUR

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