



James Bowie High School

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Thursday, August 9, 2018

Dear Bowie High School Community,

Austin ISD is required to submit its attendance to the Texas Education Agency reflecting student attendance at a specific time each day. Please try to schedule appointments for your child after school, but if that is too difficult, **try and schedule doctors' appointments after the official attendance-recording time of 10:15 a.m.** Part of the school funding formula is based on average daily attendance. We want students to be counted present for the day as much as possible! High schools in Austin lose on average \$20,000 per week due to student absences!

In response to events in the state and nation last school year, Bowie High School students and teachers requested that **all students be required to wear their student ID** beginning in the fall. Since staff and guests already wear an ID, everyone at Bowie will now be identifiable as authorized to be on campus. Students will be required to wear their badges at all times on the campus.

Students will be provided with a lanyard and a school ID. Students may wear their own lanyard as long as it is in dress code. Student IDs serve a variety of functions. Students must have an ID to be in the library and to check out books or print. Students must have an ID to check out a Chrome Book or textbook. Students also must have their ID to purchase lunch. Students with off campus privileges will have a different color badge.

All teachers will check to make sure students have ID badges on a daily basis. Students will be allowed one free temporary ID before being required to purchase a new one. Parents will receive an email notification. Students without a badge for the second time will need to go to the main office to purchase a new ID for \$5. Since wearing their ID is a campus security procedure, any student who does not get a replacement ID will be unable to attend class, and therefore will be assigned to ISS. The campus will use the first two weeks of school for training and reminding students about badges before they are required. Replacement ID's and lanyards may be purchased in the library or the main office before school, during lunch, and after school.

Over the past two months, crews have been constructing the new Slaughter Lane overpass for the Diverging Diamond Intersection (DDI) at Loop 1 (MoPac) and Slaughter Lane. Crews have completed the north section of the overpass and are ready to begin constructing the south half of the bridge. As a result, traffic will once again be temporarily shifted on Slaughter Lane at MoPac. Drivers will be diverted to the newly constructed north side of the bridge. The traffic shift is scheduled to begin on Friday, August 10, at 9:00 p.m. and is expected to be complete and open to motorists by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, weather permitting. Police officers will be on site to help direct traffic during the switch. **Police will also be present Monday, August 20 through Wednesday, August 22, to help direct traffic and assist students across the Slaughter/MoPac intersection.** Please allow yourself, or encourage your young driver, to allow extra time getting to school!

Go Dawgs!

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