

JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Senior Information

Graduation is at the Frank Erwin Center on Friday, June 6, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. *Graduates should arrive at the Red River Entrance no later than 11:00 a.m., wearing appropriate dress. (See Below).* ONLY graduates, faculty and mobility-impaired guests (elevator access available) will be allowed to use the **Red River Entrance**. Mobility impaired guests will be directed to appropriate seating. Parents and other guests are to use the North and South entrances. **There is no seating on the floor for parents, guests, or the mobility impaired.**

Graduates will report immediately to the LONE STAR ROOM on the right from the Red River Entrance. You will be lined up alphabetically in sections for the Processional. Look for the sign designating your part of the alphabet. A teacher will have a list with your name on it and will line you up in order. *No purses, backpacks, cell phones, cameras, or other valuables should be brought into this area because you WILL NOT be allowed to carry them as you march in.* They will be confiscated!

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR GRADUATES

Females: Dressy attire is appropriate. Take a minute to attach your collar well at home. Bobby pins are necessary to secure the mortar board (cap) which should be worn flat, parallel to the floor – not tilted back or decorated in any way. Low to medium heels are best, not tennis shoes. No corsages are allowed. If necessary, iron gown with a COOL IRON ONLY.

Males: Dress shirt, tie, dress slacks, dress shoes or boots. No tennis shoes or sandals. Mortar boards (caps) are to be worn flat, parallel to the floor – not tilted back or decorated in any way. If necessary, iron graduation gown with a COOL IRON ONLY.

APPROPRIATE CONDUCT

Congratulations! *Bowie High School Seniors 2008.* Your pride can best be demonstrated through respect – respect for guests, for speakers, for classmates. Recognition of each graduate is the heart of the graduation ceremony. Distracters from this central purpose in the form of noisemakers or props or inappropriate language or catcalls may jeopardize this formal event. No balloons, no beach balls, no signs. Help everyone celebrate another great Bowie High School Graduation. ***Failure to demonstrate proper, respectful behavior will result in the immediate termination of the ceremony and dismissal of the graduates and the audience.***

PHOTOS

A professional videographer and a professional photographer will take pictures of our event. Video order blanks will be available in the Bowie Administrative Office. Each graduate will receive a free color proof two weeks after the ceremony. Parents may purchase pre-sale packages at graduation.

PARKING/BUSES

State parking lots are NOT available until after 6:00 p.m. Pay parking garages at a cost of \$10.00 per vehicle are at: 15th St. and Red River, MLK and Trinity, MLK and Speedway and across the street from the football stadium. Curbside parking on Red River will require meter fees until after 5:00 p.m. Mobility impaired attendees can park in any University lot with proper mobility impaired placards or plates. The \$10 fee per vehicle will also apply. All lots and garages can be viewed at <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/maps>.

AISD will offer a no-cost courtesy bus service to families of graduates from the Austin High School Parking Lot to the Erwin Center beginning at 11:00 a.m. Shuttle service will also be available after the ceremony. You are encouraged to carpool, allowing your driver to drop off a carload of passengers at the Erwin Center, then drive to Austin High and be shuttled back to the Erwin Center to meet with your group. The Austin High School Parking Lot will be monitored by a security team. If you choose to use the shuttle, please allow SUFFICIENT time for transfer and traffic. Do not leave anything of value on the shuttle bus. Items left on the bus are not the responsibility of AISD. The shuttle service will be available after the ceremony.

MEETING YOUR PARTY

The best place to meet the rest of your party or your friends is at the flag poles on the North Side of the building. This is the easiest location to describe and see. Make arrangements for meeting ***before*** the ceremony. **DO NOT AGREE TO MEET AT THE RED RIVER ENTRANCE.**