

## Pre-AP Spanish III at James Bowie High School

It is very important that you and your student select courses for next year with careful consideration. **June 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>** will be the absolute deadline for any student or parent to **request changes**. This must be done through written communication with the data processing office at Bowie.

**After June 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**, requests for level changes (pre-AP to academic) **will not be considered** until a student has been in a class for two weeks. Such requests will go to committee for review and decision.

It is important that students learn to face challenges and that they understand the meaning of commitment. Furthermore, students' course selections determine the master schedule, the hiring and reassignment of teachers, and the purchase of classroom materials, so we will strictly adhere to these deadlines.

Two different levels of Spanish III classes are offered at Bowie, **Academic Spanish III** and **Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) Spanish III**. The Spanish Pre-AP is a rigorous course which prepares students for the Advanced Placement IV & V classes; therefore, the course advances at a much faster pace and requires more time outside of the class to prepare outside projects, reading, take-home quizzes and homework.

**In order to ensure the success of the Spanish Pre-AP student, these criteria must be met:**

- **Has maintained above an 85 average in Spanish I & II**
- **Completes assignments regularly and promptly**
- **Works well independently**
- **Has a high level of motivation and interest**
- **Has sufficient time to prepare out-of-class assignments**

Students who successfully complete Spanish III Pre-AP will be able to continue on to the Spanish IV or V AP course and take the Advanced Placement Exam after Spanish V, or take a college placement exam in college. The score and the college, which students plan to attend, will determine the amount of college credit a student will receive. On average, Bowie students achieve an 80 to 95% passing rate on the Spanish Advanced Placement Exam.

Note: In the past, students who were enrolled in Academic level III classes and continued on to Levels IV & AP, found the transition extremely difficult. To ensure student success, we highly recommend that students interested in taking the AP classes take Spanish III Pre-AP.

If you have any questions, please contact either Spanish III Pre-AP teacher, Valerie Boreing at 841-4163, Rosann Batteiger at 841-4165.

With their signatures on the James Bowie High School Course Contract, parents and students acknowledge their understanding of the commitment required to succeed in this course.