

## AP Latin IV at James Bowie High School

It is very important that you and your student select courses for next year with careful consideration. **June 10th** 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 10th**, 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.

Latin IV is an **Advanced Placement (AP) Course**. The AP Latin program expects students to comprehend the Latin language and Roman culture equivalent to the second-year college level. The College Board determines the curriculum.

**In order to ensure the success of the Latin IV AP student, these criteria must be met:**

- **Has maintained above an 85 average in Latin III**
- **Completes assignments regularly and promptly**
- **Works well independently**
- **Has a high level of motivation and interest in the Latin language and Roman culture**
- **Has sufficient time to prepare out-of-class assignments**

During the year, students will work toward mastery of Latin grammar and structure, and be able to translate unmodified passages from complex Roman authors, while developing a greater ability to interpret and analyze these passages. They will plan and write essays. They will participate in discussions in which they present, challenge and defend ideas. Students will have nightly homework assignments to which they will need to dedicate between 45-60 minutes at a minimum.

AP Latin students are required to read Virgil's *Aeneid* in translation before the fall semester begins.

Students who enroll in Latin IV AP are strongly encouraged to take the Advanced Placement Exam. Students will also be well prepared to take a college placement exam at the institution they plan to attend. The score and the college that students plan to attend will determine the amount of college credit a student will receive from taking these tests.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Warren ([mark.warren@austinisd.org](mailto:mark.warren@austinisd.org)) at 841-4171.

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.