

2026 FALL MOVE-IN GUIDE

BSU OFFICE OF RESIDENCE LIFE



WELCOME BULLDOGS!

Welcome to the Bowie State campus community! Our staff has worked diligently to make your arrival as comfortable, safe and convenient as possible. Please refer to this guide to ensure that your move-in process is a success.

Move-in Dates (By Appointment Only)

The Office of Residence Life will send a message to your BSU email account with a link to sign up for an individual move-in time block.

- **First-time Freshmen & Transfer Students**
August 17-18, 2026
- **Returning Students**
August 20-21, 2026



A Note from Butch

- Late afternoon appointments should arrive no later than 3:45 p.m.
- Residents who arrive after 4:00 p.m. will be asked to return the next business day.
- All helpers must exit the residence halls by 7:00 p.m. Helpers are not permitted in the residence halls after classes start on Aug. 24.



CLEARED VS. NOT CLEARED

Residential students must meet certain academic and financial requirements to be eligible to move into residence halls. What does this mean?

CLEARED

Cleared students have completed all housing requirements and can move into their assigned room.

Requirements for First-time Freshmen & Transfer Residents:

- Student has received an acceptance letter, paid their enrollment deposit, and submitted their Commit Form.
- Student has submitted transcripts and is registered for 12+ credit hours.
- Student has satisfied their bill using financial aid, a payment plan and/or paid bill in full.
- Student has submitted all required immunization records to the Henry Wise Wellness Center.

Requirements for Returning Residents:

- Student has a minimum 2.0 GPA and is registered for 12+ credit hrs (undergraduate) or 9+ credit hrs (graduate).
- Student has satisfied their bill using financial aid, a payment plan and/or paid bill in full.
- Student has submitted all required immunization records to the Henry Wise Wellness Center.



A Note from Butch:

You must complete clearance requirements by July 31 to avoid losing your housing assignment.

NOT CLEARED

Students who are not cleared have one or more tasks to complete prior to being eligible to move into a residence hall. Those students will receive an email indicating the specific tasks that must be completed.

Areas may include but are not limited to:

- Admissions requirements for new and transfer students. *Have you paid your enrollment deposit and completed the Commit form?*
- Class registration. *Are you registered for 12+ credit hrs (undergraduate) or 9+ credit hrs (graduate).*
- Account balance. *Have you checked your student portal and satisfied your bill?*
- Health & Wellness. *Have you submitted your immunization records?*



EARLY ARRIVALS

The Enrollment Management team will host an Early Arrival One-Stop Shop to assist students arriving early to campus who may need to meet with a specialist.



August 6 - 7, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
James Physical Education Complex



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STUDENT GROUP	MOVE-IN DATE
Football	Aug. 6
NSO Leaders	Aug. 10
Band	Aug. 10
Volleyball	Aug. 6
Cross Country	Aug. 13
Cheer	Aug. 13
Student Leaders (SGA, Royal Court, NSE)	Aug. 11

Move-in times are 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

CALENDAR ITEM	DATE/TIME	DETAILS
Bills Due	July 31, 2026 12:00 p.m.	All residents must be cleared by this date.
First Day of Fall Semester	August 24, 2026	Residents must take 12+ credit hrs to remain eligible for housing
Add/Drop Deadline	September 4, 2026	This is the last day to add or drop a class from a student's class schedule. <i>*Residents must take 12+ credit hrs to remain eligible for housing.</i>
Last Day to Change Meal Plans	September 4, 2026	This is the last day to update your meal plan selection.
No-Show Assignments Removed	September 5, 2026	Assigned residents who are "No-Shows" will have their housing assignment canceled, and a non-refundable severance fee will be issued to their account.
Registration for Winter & Spring 2027 Classes Opens	November 4, 2026	Residents returning to housing for the Spring 2027 must enroll in classes for the spring semester.
Thanksgiving Break Traditional Halls Closed (Haley, Holmes, Kennard & Towers)	November 24, 2026 5:00 p.m.	All residents in Traditional Halls must vacate building.
Traditional Halls Open	November 29, 2026 5:00 p.m.	The Traditional Halls will re-open after Thanksgiving Break
Housing Deadline for Spring 2026 Class Registration	November 19, 2026	Returning residents who have not registered by this date must completely remove all belongings from their spaces.
Fall Semester Final Exams/ End of Semester Check-out	December 8-14, 2026	Applicable to students not participating in Winter Commencement
Winter Commencement and Traditional Halls Closed	December 18, 2026	

MOVE-IN TIPS

1. Move-in appointments are mandatory.

You will receive an email with a link to sign up for a move-in appointment.

Please do not share links with other students. If you do not have an appointment, you will not be able to access your assigned space on campus.

2. Abide by your move-in time.

Move-in times are staggered to minimize long waits. Please arrive 15 – 30 minutes before your scheduled time.

3. Bring photo ID.

Residents and their helpers must provide a photo ID to check in and to borrow a moving cart.

4. Be patient.

With hundreds of students moving into housing over the course of a few days, expect crowds and parking delays. Thank you in advance for exercising patience.

5. Roll into your residence hall.

Bring rolling wagons, suitcases, dollies, and/or hand trucks to assist with move-in. Moving carts will also be available to residents who present a photo ID.

6. Pack smart, but don't over pack.

Connect with your roommate(s) to minimize bringing too many items. Consider packing in plastic tote-style containers that can be used to transport items and serve as storage. Label everything!

7. Prepare for high temperatures.

Dress appropriately, stay cool and STAY HYDRATED.

8. Do not use the emergency doors.

There is a \$500 fine for those who use emergency doors in a non-emergency.

9. Share the elevator.

Elevator courtesy is essential on move-in day. Do not block the elevator door.



A Note from Butch: As a BSU resident, you will meet people from various geographical locations and backgrounds. As you encounter those with cultural differences, remember to seek understanding and exercise grace and patience.

FAQs

How do I change my meal plan?

Email the Bulldog Card office at bulldogcard@bowiestate.edu no later than Sept. 5.

Can I switch rooms?

Yes. The room change request period will be announced via email, group chat posts, and social media posts. Housing assignments cannot be adjusted after these dates. If an administrative move is required after this date, the resident will be alerted via email.

Does Housekeeping clean my room?

Residents are responsible for cleaning their rooms, disposing of personal trash and leaving all public areas in clean condition. The housekeeping staff will clean the public areas and community bathrooms.

Where can I do my laundry?

Laundry facilities are in each residence hall. BSU is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged articles.

When can I start receiving mail & packages?

Mail will begin to be delivered on Aug. 26. Please note that deliveries at the university may be delayed for processing 2-3 days.

- **MAIL** will first be received by the university, logged and processed, distributed to the various residence halls for final distribution to residents. Please exercise patience when looking for mail.
- When **PACKAGES** arrive in the student mailroom, the student will receive a QR code in their BSU email as confirmation their package(s) is ready for pick up.
- **AMAZON LOCKERS** are available in front of the Computer Science Building Select Locker EDMUNDS – 14000 JERICHO PARK ROAD as your pick-up location.



A Note from Butch

Here's your mailing address format:

Full First & Last Name
Residence Hall and Rm.
Number
14000 Jericho Park Rd.
Bowie, MD 20715

DIGITAL LIFE ON CAMPUS

Get Connected



Wi-Fi for Students

Connect your phone and laptop to campus wi-fi using your BSU login to join "**BullDogAir.**"

Note: When your network password changes, you must enter the new password on any devices connected to the wireless.

Wi-Fi for Streaming & Gaming

Connect your streaming and gaming devices to the wireless network "**BullDogDevices.**" This network is only available to campus residents.

Register your devices

All streaming and gaming devices must be registered with the university. Scan the QR code to register your device(s). Use your BSU login information.



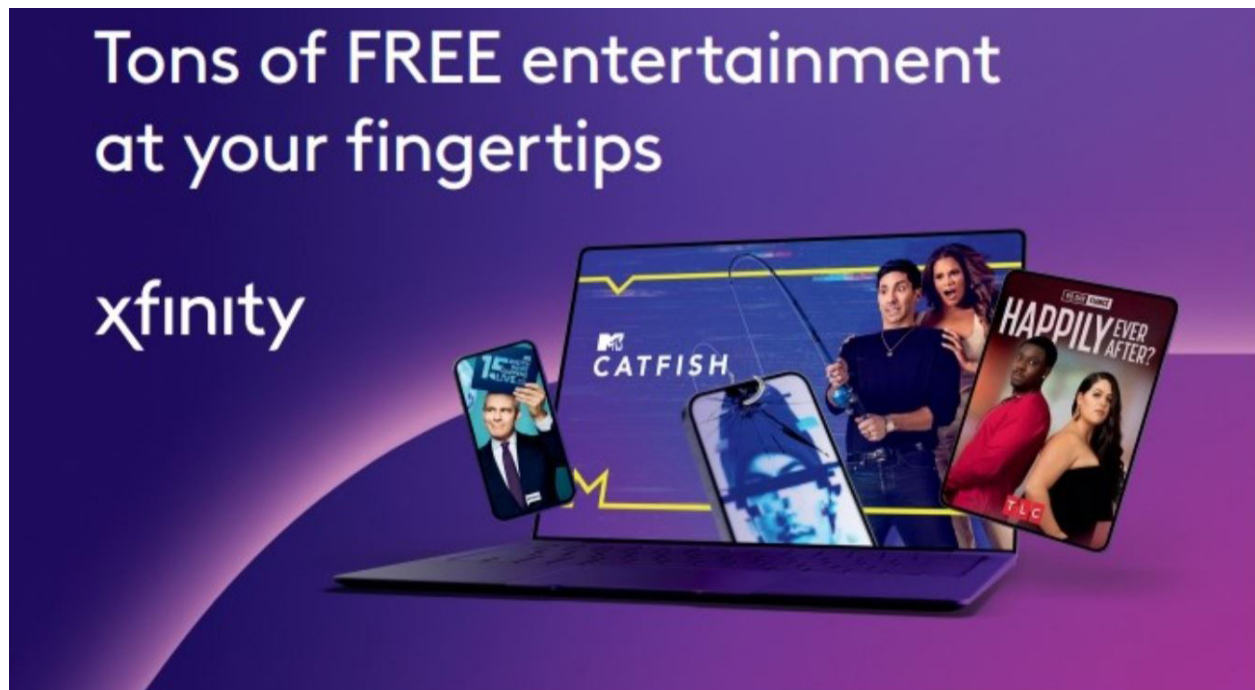
Access Xfinity on Campus

All campus residents have access to Xfinity On Campus, a streaming service offering 100+ live streaming channels, Xfinity on Demand, and premium channels anywhere on campus.

To access Xfinity On Campus, residents must utilize a Roku Streaming device, other streaming device with app download available, or a Smart TV. Please register devices using the QR code above.

XFINITY ON CAMPUS

Visit xfinityoncampus.com and using your BSU network credentials.



Start streaming



1.

Visit

www.xfinityoncampus.com



2.

Find your school



3.

Sign in using your
school credentials



4.

Once authenticated,
start watching



A Note from Butch: For full access to Xfinity On Campus, students must be connected to the campus network. Some free TV content is available off-campus as long as the student is registered as an on-campus resident. Third-party hotspots will only allow access to TV Go and TV Everywhere. VPN is not permitted.

WHAT TO BRING

BEDDING

Sheets (Twin XL)
Comforter, Blankets, Bedspread, Pillows,
Pillowcases
Mattress Cover, Mattress Pad, Egg Crate

ELECTRONICS

Desk/Floor Lamp
Minifridge -4 cubic ft. or smaller
(See additional information about Microfridge
rentals below)
Surge protector/power strip
Laptop or Ipad/tablet
TV (No larger than 50 inches)
Small speaker

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Notebooks
Pens/Pencils
Sharpies, Markers, Highlighters
Calendar
Dry erase board

DAILY LIVING

Face Coverings (three recommended)
Soap, Toiletries, Shower Caddy & Shower Shoes
Towels, Washcloths
Laundry Bag, Detergent & Clothes Hangers
Iron & Ironing Board
Bed Risers (must NOT have outlets)
First Aid Kit
Flashlight, Batteries, Emergency Kit
School/Desk Supplies
Non-damaging wall fasteners
Cleaning Supplies
Broom & Dustpan
Swiffer or Mop
Small Trash Can & Trash Bags

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

Photo ID/State ID
Insurance cards
Health records and other important
identifying documents you may need in an
emergency
List of emergency contacts

WHAT NOT TO BRING

BANNED APPLIANCES

Air Conditioner, Ceiling Fans
Large appliances from home (Air Fryers,
Hot Plates, Rice Cookers or
Microwaves, etc.)
Electronic heaters or electronic
blankets
Exercise Equipment

BANNED ELECTRONICS

Extension Cords
Hover Boards
Large Stereo Equipment
Multi-Plug Adapters
Light dimmer switches
Scented Plug-Ins w/ socket extensions
Wall-mounted televisions

MOUNTING TOOLS*

All Command Strips products (hooks)
Double-sided foam tape or duct tape

MISCELLANEOUS

Hookahs
Door locks
Bed Risers with outlets
Fireworks, explosives and/or
explosives chemicals
Lava lamps, halogen lamps, candles,
incense, or open flames
Waterbeds

**Students are responsible for any damage to the
paint and/or walls.*

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Students with prohibited items will be documented and the items will be confiscated. Only home and cooking appliances will be returned at the end of each semester.

Cannabis & related paraphernalia (Including bowls, hookah pipes, bongs, hollowed-out cigars, vaporizers, "homemade" smoking devices, any other smoking device)

Weapons (Including but not limited to mace, pepper spray, pocketknives, hunting knives, swords or machetes)

Guns (BB guns, water guns and other toys included)

Alcohol, including homemade alcohol and alcohol bottles as decorations

Extension cords, including those without auto shut-off and bed risers with outlets

LED lights, lava lamps, halogen lamps

Refrigerators larger than 4 cubic feet, air conditioners, ceiling fans, electric heaters, electric blankets

Pets (Excluding service animals and emotional support animals approved by BSU's Disability Support Services)

Gas-fueled or electric motorized scooters, bikes, skateboards, hoverboards

Standalone microwaves, air fryers, George Foreman style grills, panini presses, sandwich makers, rice cookers, pressure cookers, crock pots, waffle makers, toasters, toaster ovens, griddles, hot plates/single cooking eye, traditional coffee pots, electric frying pans, etc. (These appliances are permitted in CMRC.)

Open Flames—including candles, tea light candles, incense, hookah devices, etc.

SMOKING IS PROHIBITED ON ALL PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED, OR OPERATED BY BSU.

Smoking is defined as the lighting, burning, or vaporizing of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana or any other material in any type of smoking equipment, including but not limited to cigarettes, electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vape pens, cigars, hookahs or pipes.



A Note from Butch:

Emotional Support Animals must be approved through the Office of Disability Services before they are brought into residence halls.

RENTER'S INSURANCE

While college is an amazing time in a young adult's life, we recognize that unfortunate things do happen. We highly recommend that residents and families obtain renter's insurance to cover any incidents that may occur. This includes accidental damage, fire, flood, theft and weather-related incidents.

Bowie State University is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen property.

You can also purchase insurance from either of these companies:

College Student Insurance Agency, Inc.

316 Maxwell Rd., Suite 100

Alpharetta, GA 30009

1-888-411-4911

info@collegestudentinsurance.com

www.collegestudentinsurance.com

National Student Services, Inc.

P.O. Box 2137

Stillwater, OK 74076

1-800-256-6774

ContactUs@nssi.com

www.nssi.com



A Note from Butch:

Review your family's homeowners' policy. You may be able to add a renter's insurance policy.

MICROFRIDGE RENTAL

Would you like to have an approved microwave-refrigerator combination (MicroFridge) without the hassle of bringing it to the university on Move-In Day?

Visit **gobreez.com** to select your MicroFridge and have it delivered to your room to make your move-in day just a little less stressful.

Campus Living Starts Here We've Got You Covered

NO STORE RUNS. NO HEAVY LIFTING.

Skip the chaos and settle in with ease - your MicroFridge combo is already set up. While everyone else is still hauling, you're hanging out.



Make your move-in day a Breez.



Smart

Safe, high quality, campus-approved, all-in-one MicroFridge appliance



Convenient

Exclusive delivery access, so your fridge is chillin' in your room before you arrive



Simple

Easy product selection with curated options and flexible rental terms

WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING

“ This service is a great idea. Your appliances were clean and got plenty of usage this year. As a parent, I love the fact that you deliver and pick up and do all the hard work for us. Thank you again! ”

**We handle the setup.
You make the memories.**



**Unlock Your
Early Bird Discount**
PLAN AHEAD, SAVE MORE.

Here's why it pays off:

- **Priority access pricing** when you reserve early
- **Risk-free cancellation** anytime before delivery
- **Guaranteed availability** before inventory runs low



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A Note from Butch:

Ask your Resident Assistant about the Nutrition Lounge, a quiet space on campus that offers **FREE** non-perishable foods and personal care items to students.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Community living requires residents to adhere to certain standards of conduct and behavior to maintain an orderly environment.

Residents' Rights

- The right to read and study without disturbance.
- The right to sleep without disturbance from noise, guests or roommates.
- The right to have one's personal property respected.
- The right to a clean environment in which you can study, sleep, work, and conduct daily personal business without distraction.
- The right to free access to one's room.
- The right to a reasonable amount of personal privacy.
- The right to host guests while respecting the rights of roommates and other residents.
- The right to petition for redress of grievances.
- The right to be free of intimidation, physical and/or emotional harm, and racial and/or sexual harassment.

Residents' Responsibilities

Residents are expected to respond appropriately to the reasonable requests of other residents and all university staff. Residents will respect the rights of other residents. Each resident is responsible and held accountable for their behavior and the behavior of their guest(s).

Living in the residence halls provides a variety of opportunities to develop the skills and attitudes necessary to become productive community members and extraordinary leaders. We encourage students to participate in the development and governing of their building.

You have the responsibility to:

- Be accountable for your behavior and actions. This includes respect for the property of others and the property of the university.
- Respect and preserve the rights of others and always be aware of the cultural differences of other residents.
- Do your part to protect your safety and the safety of those around you.
- Lock/secure your room door. You may be liable for the loss of your roommate's property if you are found negligent in locking your door.
- Promptly report and follow up on any maintenance problems in your room.
- Ask for help from your Resident Director or other residence hall staff if you require assistance.
- Report all violations of the rules and regulations. If you see something, say something.
- Uphold BSU standards of behavior and dress.



A Note from Butch: This room will be your home for the upcoming academic year. To maintain a positive living and learning environment, please understand these rights and responsibilities are not negotiable.