

U Holton / Ellis Activities Guide 2019–2021



Participation in extra-curricular activities provides a wide range of benefits to youth, families and communities. Both I.J. Holton and Ellis offer students a variety of activities, clubs and after school programs. Students have the opportunity to practice leadership skills and improve their abilities in the areas of academics, athletics and the arts. Under the leadership and supervision of talented and supportive staff, students will develop life-long skills.

Up to date information will be shared by advisors and coaches throughout the year. The schools also communicate activity details with families via newsletters, Parent Portal, Facebook, and our school website.

Transportation is available for students participating in after-school activities but does require a bus pass issued by the supervising staff. The 4:00 bus offers limited routes to most areas of town. Please see the route schedule below and discuss after school arrangements with your child. Students who do not ride the after-school bus, should be picked by 4:00. The 4:00 bus is not available on early release days or on Fridays.

4:00 Bussing Information

Bus A

- Woodson – (East Side)
- 2nd Ave & 6th St NE – (Riverside Arena)
- 6th PL & 3rd St NW – (YMCA)
- Austin High School (Taco Johns)

Bus B

- 9th Ave & 8th St SW (Skinners Hill)
- Southgate Elementary (west side)
- 27th St & 9th Ave SW (Ford Town)
- Mandolin Apts. (SW)
- Meadows Apts. (SW)

Bus C

- Banfield Elementary - (West Side)
- Sumner Elementary – (North Side)
- Murphy’s Creek – (North of Walmart)
- City Limits (If needed)

Bus D

- Hanson Tire – (North Main St)
- 17th Ave & 3rd St NE (North Hormel Corp. Office)
- 8th St & 16th Ave NE (Institute side)
- 8th St & 12th Ave NE (Culligan)
- 9th St & 7th Ave NE (West of Recycling Center)
- 13th St & 7th Ave NE (West side of Eastside Lake)
- I90 East Trailer Court

IJ Holton

<p>Art Club Katelyn Holmes kate.holmes@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Art Club is great opportunity for 5th and 6th grade students who are interested in art beyond art class. This club is both student lead and independent. This allows students to work on their own art skills and collaborate with others to learn together and create larger works of art. Art Club occurs every Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:00pm - 4:00pm. Apply Fall 2020</p>
<p>Hawks Academy Kristin Wilker kristin.wilker@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Hawks Academy is an educational opportunity for students to have access to extra academic support after school. Students are invited to attend classes based on recent district and state assessments. Hawk Academy teachers lead small groups and design engaging lessons specific to the needs of the students in the class. Under the direction of the teacher, the students may participate in technology based lessons, educational games, or read novels. This is a free program and students are provided a snack. Teacher recommendation/ Parent approval to participate</p>
<p>H.E.A.T Rebecca Troop rebecca.troop@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Holton Enrichment Activities and Teams (HEAT) offers after-school opportunities throughout the school year. Students are encouraged to try many new activities. This is a great age for students to explore their interests and make new friends. Sessions run from 3:00 - 4:00. Class sizes are limited, so register early. A healthy snack is provided. Watch for information to be shared regarding each session. \$10 registration fee for each session</p>
<p>IJ Holton STEAM Band Ethan Wightkin ethan.wightkin@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>The IJ Holton Blues Band is an ensemble that plays jazz, blues, and rock music. This group plays more challenging music than the classroom band setting. Any band students and bass players can join this group. The blues band meets on Wednesday mornings from 8:00-8:42am.</p>
<p>IJ Holton Musical/Play Nikky Tolde nikky.tolde@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>The IJ Holton Play/Musical is a popular opportunity for students to learn the skills needed to perform in front of an audience, gain confidence in acting, singing and dancing, and have a lot of fun creating a memorable performance. <i>After school rehearsals, plus performances. Auditions in March with a performance in May.</i> Students audition for specific roles, but all interested students can participate</p>
<p>IJ Holton Student Council Cori McRae cori.mcrae@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Student Council members provide leadership and a sense of diversity within our school to create a welcoming environment where all students can participate in service projects. Participation in student council gives student leaders a voice in raising awareness for a cause by encouraging their peers to give back to their school, community and their global world. <i>Time commitment during school hours to assist with projects and attend meetings as needed.</i> 6th grade students apply for officer positions 5th grade students apply to serve as representatives Apply Fall 2020</p>

<p>Math Masters Lindsey Bottema (6th grade) Lindsey.bottema@austin.k12.mn.us Laura Marreel laura.marreel@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Participation in Math Masters provides opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Develop students' critical thinking skills. -Encourage students' passion for mathematics. -Improve students' perseverance in handling challenging problems. <p>Practice sessions will be after school; After school transportation will be provided. Competitions will occur during the school day. 6th grade practices will run from January-February; the competition is on February 28th at Austin High School. 5th grade practices will run in from March-April; the competition is on April 25th at Austin High School. Students will be given a math screener in January to determine eligibility for Math Masters. Eligible students will be encouraged to participate.</p>
<p>Peer Power Partners (PPP) Jes Carlson jes.carlson@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Peer Power Partners (PPP) provides purposeful, meaningful educational sessions in which social-emotional learning is taught, reinforced, and supported to all participants. Participation in PPP also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provides friendship and academic opportunities -Promotes social inclusion and bullying prevention -Engages, educates, and empowers age-like peers to advocate on behalf of students with disabilities. <p><i>Monthly meetings during school, choice to attend community events.</i> Application required- Apply Fall 2018, limited spots available.</p>
<p>Vex IQ Robotics (5th grade) Adam Ansoerge adam.ansorge@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>VEX IQ it is a robotics program, which is designed to get students excited about science & technology and teach them valuable employment and life skills. Students build and program a robot designed to score points on a thematic playing surface, creating an innovative solution to a problem as part of their project. This is a competition team and students must apply to participate. <i>Participation involves after school practice commitment and several weekend competitions.</i> Applications available to 4th grade students in the Spring for the following year.</p>
<p>VEX Robotics (6th Grade) Kaylene Jensen kaylene.jensens@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>VEX Robotics presents an engineering challenge in the form of a game. Students, with guidance from their coach and student mentors, use the VEX Robotics Design System to build innovative robots designed to score the most points possible in qualification matches, bracket elimination, and skills challenges. Students learn valuable engineering skills, gain life skills such as teamwork, perseverance, communication, collaboration, project management, and critical thinking. The VEX Robotics Competition prepares students to become future innovators in STEM subject areas and increases their interest in pursuing STEM-related careers. This is a competition team and students must apply to participate. <i>Participation involves after school practice commitment, several weekend competitions and assistance with fundraising events to support team costs.</i> Applications available to 5th grade students in Spring of 2020 for following year's team.</p>

Ellis Middle School

Year Long Activities

<p>Art Club Advisers: John Sullivan and Lars Johnson john.sullivan@austin.k12.mn.us lars.johnson@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Students are invited to attend Art Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. This is a time for exploring personal interests in Art. Sometimes Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sullivan will have a prompted idea to try but mostly this is time for students to do something they are interested in. Art Club is not a place simply to “hang out” but a place to explore your interest in Art.</p>
<p>Robotics Adviser: Brandon Soller brandon.soller@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Ellis Robots consists of students competing in VEX competitions. Students must design, build, and program their own robots. Every year there is a different game so new robots need to be created to complete the game’s objectives. Joining this program is application based and involves a possible interview.</p>
<p>Student Council Adviser: Becca Bryson rebecca.bryson@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Student Council is a leadership and community building based group. Students who are interested in being a part of the Student Council should listen to the morning announcements and the Ellis show for sign up information. New members will be inducted by the end of September.</p>
<p>NJHS Adviser: Jennifer Gosha jennifer.gosha@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>National Junior Honor Society is an academic and character-based organization. Students must apply for membership in the spring of their 6th grade year. Students in this group highly value academics and helping in their community. Applications in April of 6th grade year. Induction ceremony is held at the beginning of June.</p>
<p>STAND Advisers: Lea Oelfke and Raquel Imbert Lea.oelfke@austin.k12.mn.us Raquel.imbert@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>STAND is a student leadership organization that promotes healthy choices and specifically works towards preventing alcohol and tobacco usage. Students participate in volunteer activities in the community.</p>
<p>Peer Power Partners Advisers: Stephanie Wagner Kendra Maxfield Stephanie.wagner@austin.k12.mn.us Kendra.maxfield@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Peer Power Partners pair special education students with mainstream students. The group’s goal is for students to find the things that are the same with all students while celebrating what makes them different.</p>

<p>Game Club Adviser: Brandon Soller Brandon.soller@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Gaming is all about Strategy, Competition, Perseverance, Teamwork, and Relaxation. Many people have a passion for playing games and all are welcome to come play and have fun. Game Club meets periodically throughout the school year. Sometimes there are tournaments, sometimes students try to beat teachers, and other times we just hang out and play games.</p>
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Seasonal Activities

Fall	
<p>Drama Club Adviser: Rhonda Regan rhonda.regan@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Contact Adviser for further information</p>
<p>Fall Play Advisers: Rhonda Regan/Grant Sharstrom/Jennifer Wiebrand Rhonda.regan@austin.k12.mn.us Garnt.sharstrom@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>The Fall Play is about theatre, stage management and production. Students will audition, be cast, learn choreography, lines and theatre professionalism in addition to theatre terms, stage terminology and practices. Auditions are in September with performances in November. Rehearsal times are after school and ends with the performances.</p>
<p>Math League Adviser: Jodi Eich Jodi.eich@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Contact adviser for further information.</p>
Winter	
<p>Chemistry Club Advisor: Lynne Gaunt Lynne.gaunt@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Contact adviser for further information.</p>
<p>Chess Club Advisors: Brandon Soller and Jordan Lee Brandon.soller@austin.k12.mn.us Jordan.lee@austin.k12.mn.us</p>	<p>Chess is all about Strategy, Competition, Perseverance, and Sportsmanship. Chess is an easy game to learn, but extremely difficult to master! Whether you have been playing for years, or if you are new to the game, Chess provides endless competition and fun! Chess Club runs during the winter after school and ends with a major tournament.</p>

Ellis Sports

A wide variety of opportunities are provided at Ellis Middle School. Please see the Ellis Middle School athletics page for detailed information regarding registration, sports physicals, and season dates. <https://www.austin.k12.mn.us/ellis/Pages/ellis-athletics.aspx>

Fall	Winter	Spring
Girls and Boys Soccer Cross Country Volleyball Football Girls Swimming and Diving (7-12) Girls Tennis (7-12) Clay Target Team (7-12)	Girls and Boys Basketball Dance Wrestling High School Gymnastics (7-12) High School Girls Hockey (7-12) High School Boys Swimming and Diving (7-12)	Baseball Softball Boys Golf Girls and Boys Track High School Girls Golf (7-12) High School Trap/Skeet (7-12) High School Boys Tennis (7-12)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! Student athlete grades will be checked on a weekly basis. Any athlete failing 2 or more classes will be required to participate in practices, but will not be eligible to participate in the games/events scheduled for that week. If they do not turn in their slip by 4:00pm on Thursday, they are ineligible for the next contest.

Useful websites for club and community activities:

[Park and Rec- Nature Center](#)

[YMCA of Austin](#)

[Austin Youth Hockey](#)

[Austin Youth Football](#)

[Austin Youth Soccer](#)

[Riverside Skating Club](#)

[Austin Youth Baseball](#)

[Girl Scouts](#)

[Boy Scouts](#)