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# Welcome to Austin High School



AUSTIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# To be successful at Austin High School....

- Challenge yourself
- Follow your passions
- Do your best
- Seek support
- Be respectful, responsible, and safe
- Get involved & have fun

# Challenge Yourself

## Course Requirements:

- Language Arts – 4 years (8 semesters)
- Social Studies – 4 years (8 semesters)
- Science – 3 years (6 semesters)
- Mathematics – 3 years (6 semesters)
- Physical Education – 1 year (2 semester classes)
- Visual & Performing Arts (Art, FACS, Music & Technology Education) – 1 year
- Health – 1 semester (.5 credit)
- Electives – 7.5 credits (15 semesters)

**Total = 24 Credits** (.5 credit = 1 semester)

\* AHS is on Semesters not Quarters like Ellis. Final Grades for your classes are determined at the end of the semester in January & June. Your classes are on a continuous gradebook throughout the semester. Teachers and courses may change at semester time.

# Challenge Yourself

For the 2021-22 school year....

- **7 Honors classes (Grades 9-12)**

Challenge by choice

- **8 AP classes (Grades 10-12)**

Challenge by choice

- **10 RCC classes at AHS and additional opportunities through PSEO(Grades 10-12)**

Sophomores – may take 1 Career/Technical course if they have met the proficiency level on the 8th grade MCA reading test.

Juniors – upper 1/3 of non-weighted class rank OR score at or above the 70th percentile on a nationally standardized norm-referenced test.

Seniors –upper 1/2 of non-weighted class rank OR score at or above the 50th percentile on a nationally standardized norm-referenced test.

# Challenge Yourself

## The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship

The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship covers the tuition & fees at Riverland Community College for **ALL** Austin High school graduates who meet the following criteria:

- Live in the Austin Public Schools district
- 50 documented volunteer hours **AND**
- Meet **ONE** of the following requirements by the end of the first semester of senior year:
  - Unweighted GPA of 2.5 or higher
  - ACT of 18 or higher OR ASVAB of 31 or higher
  - Pass all courses with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in Junior & Senior year
  - Graduate of Be Your Best College Prep Summer Academy at Riverland Community College
  - Be in top 75% of graduating class **AND**
    - Be a first-generation college student, be a low-income student or self-identify as a member of a racial/ethnic minority.

[www.austinassurance.org](http://www.austinassurance.org)

# Follow Your Passions

Agriculture...Art...Business...Computer  
Science...Family & Consumer Science...Industrial  
Technology...Language Arts...Mathematics...Media  
Arts...Music...Physical Education...Science...Social  
Studies...World Language

# Do Your Best

- Take ownership
- Be focused, organized & use a planner
- Ask questions
- Set SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and have a timetable)
- Be intrinsically motivated
- Pass all classes (grades will be on your High School transcript)

# Do Your Best

## Grading for Learning

- Assessments – 90% of grade, Practice Work – 10% of grade
- Retakes are possible if you complete all practice work before assessments.
- Late work needs to be completed before the end of the next unit.
- Utilize Flex Time to make up and retake assessments
- You must complete missing assessments, or they will remain a 0. Your true score will be reflected in the grade book (no 50% rule)
- No extra credit will be given for any classes



# Seek Support

- **Teachers** - ALL
- **Counselors**  
Ms. Schmit A-E, Ms. Keenan F-Laz, Ms. Hale Le-Reh, & Mr. Hoffa Ret-Z
- **Career Center** – Ms. Mayers
- **Administrators**  
Principal: Mrs. Malo, Assistant Principals: Mr. Schmit, Mrs. Gunderson & Mrs. Dunbar
- **Success Coaches**  
Ms. Garcia (Spanish), Mr. Othogi (Anuak, Arabic), & Mr. Reh (Karenni, Burmese)
- **Attendance**  
Contact the Attendance Office at 507-460-1806 or [ahs.attendance@austin.k12.mn.us](mailto:ahs.attendance@austin.k12.mn.us) if you need to be absent.
- **Health Office**  
Ms. Nelson Room 142, 507-460-1811

# Seek Support

- Stay after school to get help from teachers
- Check school e-mail and Schoology messages to keep up with your learning
- Use online resources
- Talk to parents and/or peers
- Tutor list available in Counseling Office

# Seek Support

- REACH – supports students academically, socially and/or emotionally
- AVID – college readiness system designed to increase learning & performance
- ALC – Credit Recovery (school year & summer school) & Alternate Setting (smaller classes, single hallway)
- Austin Online - new option for students

# Be respectful, responsible, and safe

- Politely follow directions given by any staff member in the building
- Be accepting of the ideas and viewpoints of others
- Take ownership of your actions
- Respect others' personal space
- Maintain appropriate digital boundaries

# Get Involved

Information about our many activities is on the APS web site

- 25 activities
  - 9 fall sports
  - 8 winter sports
  - 8 spring sports
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- In order to be eligible for sports, you must pass your classes and accumulate credits. End of 1st Semester of 9th Grade = **3 credits**, End of 9th Grade = **6 credits**

Registrations are completed online through the school store on Parent Portal

Contact Ms. Joseph at the AHS Activities Office in the Commons with questions (460-1825).

# Have Fun

- Support your Packer teams – free entrance to most activities
- Cookies & Cram – Exam week
- **Link Crew** – Orientation to the High School (Thursday, 8/26 8:00-12:00)
- School events throughout the year

# Parent Communication

Monthly Parent Newsletter

Watch for communication

- Parent Portal on Infinite Campus
- Email

Contact us with questions at 460-1800

# Conclusion

Questions

Thank you for coming!

Tours are available following this presentation if you would like.