



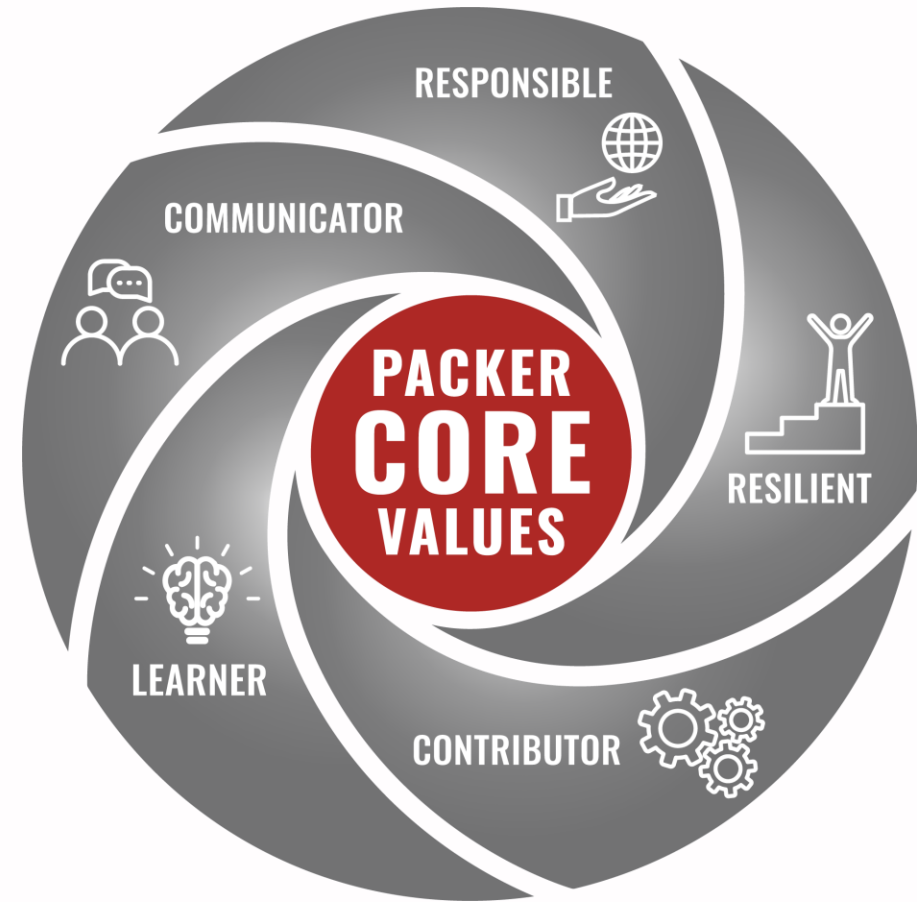
Welcome to Austin High School

9th Grade Orientation



AHS prepares all learners to make a difference in the world

AHS students are



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AHS students are LEARNERS

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 semesters)
- 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.



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Grading for Learning

- Assessments – 90% of grade
- Practice work – 10% of grade
- Retakes are possible if all practice work is complete before assessments.
- Late work needs to be completed before the end of the next unit.
- Missing work will remain a zero (0) until submitted (no 50% rule).
- No extra credit will be given for any classes



AHS students are RESILIENT

Challenge by Choice options for the 22-23 school year:

- 7 Honors classes (grades 9-12)
- 8 Advanced Placement classes (grades 10-12)
- 10 (RCC) Riverland Community College classes at AHS and additional opportunities through Postsecondary Enrollment Options (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.



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[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 or 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.

AHS students are RESILIENT

- Stay curious and ask questions
- Develop integrity and show it
- Find your organization tools
- Discover your purpose in learning
- Set goals and stay motivated
- Create two-way communication



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Seek support along your academic path

- REACH – supports students academically, socially, and/or emotionally
- AVID – college readiness system designed to increase learning & performance
- ALC – credit recovery (school year & summer school) & alternative setting (smaller classes, single hallway)
- Austin Online Academy (AOA) – new online options for students



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Seek help when challenges arise

- Check school email, Seesaw, and Schoology messages daily
- Check grades through Infinite Campus student and parent portal weekly
- Use the [Austin High School website](#) for student and parent online resources
- Schedule a time with teachers before or after school for additional help
- Reach out to the counseling office for tutoring support
- Connect with staff with any questions or concerns throughout the year



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Seek support when needed

- Teachers (email or classroom visit)
- Administrators: Principal – Dr. Allen
 - Assistant Principals: Mr. Schmit, Mrs. Gunderson, Mrs. Goblirsch
- Counselors
 - Ms. Schmit (A-E), Ms. Keenan (F-Laz), Ms. Hale (Le-Reh), Mr. Hoffa (Ret –Z)
- Career Center: Ms. Mayers (0151)
- Success Coaches
 - Ms. Garcia (Spanish, Mr. Othogi (Anuak, Arabic), & Mr. Reh (Karenni, Burmese)
- Health Office: Ms. Nelson – (room 142) 507-460-1811



AHS students are RESPONSIBLE

Day-to-day practices

- School starts at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm
- Doors open at 8:15 am
- Students enter the main door (door # 1), gym lobby doors (door # 7 & 13), or door # 4 on the north end of the building.
- Bus drop off/pick up is on the east side of the building
- Families can drop off/pick up on the west or north side of the building



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Attendance

- Notify the office of any absences:
- 507-460-1806 or ahs.attendance@austin.k12.mn.us
- Families will be notified by phone if your student has had one or more unexcused absences.
- Families can find their student attendance information in Parent Portal



AHS students are RESPONSIBLE

AHS Student Handbook

- Student handbook outlines our general operations and expectations.
- Read over the handbook to find important information
- A paper copy can also be available upon request
- The digital copy of the student handbook can be found here:

[Austin High School Student Handbook](#)



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Get involved in [SPORTS](#)

- Fall sports: football, soccer, cross country, swimming/diving, cheerleading, tennis, volleyball
- Winter sports: basketball, hockey, swimming/diving, dance, wrestling, gymnastics
- Spring sports: baseball, softball, golf, track & field, adaptive bowling, tennis, cycling

Registrations are completed online through the school store on Parent Portal. Contact Activities Admin Assistant, Kelly Joseph, 507-460-1825 with questions



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Get involved in ACTIVITIES

- Austinaires, Jazz, La Fiera, Pep Band, Drama, Knowledge Bowl, Math League, Science Olympiad, Go Green Club, Student Council, Table Tennis, MAAP Stars, LINK Crew, Youth Leadership, Art Club, National Honor Society, FFA, DECA, Robotics, Clay Target Club, Archery, Mountain Biking Club, Bowling, Boys Volleyball, S.T.A.N.D.

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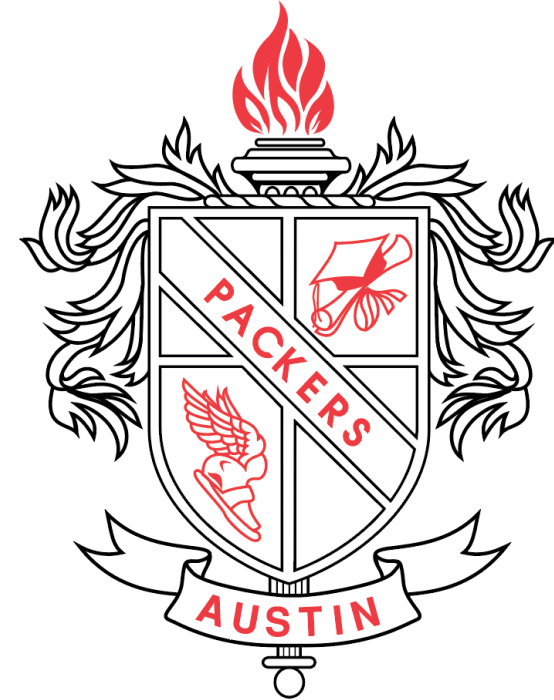


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Please reach out to our staff and administrative team with any questions or concerns.

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