

Listed below are extra services and educational opportunities for students at AJH.

- **Title 1 Reading & Title 1 Math classes:** These classes are for extra remediation in reading and math. Students not scoring proficient on the previous year's OSTP reading or math assessment are placed in Title 1 classes. This takes the place of one or both of their electives.
- **After School Tutoring:** This program provides additional instruction with reading and/or math and assistance with homework. It meets Monday-Thursday from 3:00-4:00 (except for holiday breaks). Any student can attend this tutoring that has a permission slip on file. Permission slips can be picked up in the front office. A snack is served and busing is provided if they currently ride a bus.
- **Before School Tutoring:** Math and Reading tutoring is available for all students Monday-Thursday mornings at 7:15. It is held in a different teacher's classroom each morning.
- **English Learner Classes:** This class is offered to English Language Learners based off the Home Language Survey and qualifying placement test scores.
- **Pre-AP Classes:** These honors classes are available to all students who meet the criteria of at least a 3.0 GPA in that subject area from the previous year. They must also have a passing OSTP test score in that subject area.
- **Free Breakfast/Lunches:** All students receive free breakfast and lunches.
- **Soup for Supper (food pantry):** The purpose of the school pantry is to provide supplemental food resources to chronically hungry students who do not have access to food at home. Students can talk to the principals, counselors, teachers, or office staff and they will quietly help them get soup for supper.
- **MathCounts:** MathCounts is a national middle school competitive mathematics program that promotes mathematics achievement through a series of fun and engaging "bee" style contests. Students work a variety of math problems by themselves and as a team to compete against each other and other schools. The Altus JH club meets twice a week (once in the afternoon and once in the morning) all year and attends competitions in the spring.
- **Academic Team:** Academic team is a group of 7th and 8th graders that compete against other schools in all subject matters like English, Science, Math, pop culture, etc... There is a 7th grade team and an 8th grade team. The students practice 2 times a week from 7:30-7:53. 7<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. 8<sup>th</sup> graders meet on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Any student interested in participating is welcome to come to practice.
- **Leo Club:** The Altus Jr. High Leo Club is sponsored by the local Altus Lions Club. The club was started here at the junior high in 1997. The main purpose of the club is to teach the importance of Community Service. The members are urged to keep documentation of their service dates and hours for future use on college and scholarship application. The meetings are twice a month on Tuesday's from 3:00 to 4:00. Meeting time is used to discuss community service needs and future community service activities. Some Tuesday's and Saturday's are used to perform community service projects in the community. Membership is open to all students. If you join as a 7th grader, you are still a member as an 8th grader and only will pay a \$7.00 fee for annual dues. All new members will pay \$20.00 for membership, dues and t-shirt. The last day to join is mid-September unless you are a move in student.
- **Student Leadership Council:** Students interested can sign up in the spring. They are elected by completing an application and by teacher referrals. They meet once a month. Responsibilities include: working concession stand for football/basketball/track, leading assemblies, assisting at school dances, assisting in any leadership roles as needed as they arise at AJH, and helping with Red Ribbon Week/Teacher Appreciation Week/Salvation Army Canned Food Drive/and a Blood Drive.
- **After School Athletics:** All competitive sports are after school. Any student can choose to participate. They must have a physical, paperwork, and drug testing on file.

We look forward to providing a rich educational environment for all children at Altus Junior High. We strive to provide educational opportunities that are as varied as our student body.