



AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL ADDENDUM

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Library and Media Center

The Media Center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The IMC is home to the Makerspace where students can come and try new technology, tinker, and take a brain break. Students are able to come down and do puzzles, play games, or have a quiet place to study all in one space. From current popular novels to the classics and everything in between, the IMC has many books available for check out. Books can be checked out for three weeks. All students using the Media Center need to have a pass from their teacher and sign in for attendance purposes.

Open Campus Lunch Information

Students in grades 11 and 12 may leave the campus during their lunch period if parents have given consent assuming full legal responsibility. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on Austin High School. Juniors and Seniors must have their student ID or Infinite Campus ID to reenter campus through Door #1 or to leave the lunchroom. Students must be considerate of business establishments and neighbors around our school. If behavior or academic standing warrants, open lunch privileges may be rescinded.

Class Rank/Academic Standing

For information on Class Rank and Academic Standing, please contact the Austin High School Counseling Office at 507-460-1812.

Early Graduation

Students may be considered for early graduation after meeting the conditions provided in [school district policy 613](#).

Graduation Requirements [*]

Students must meet all course credit requirements and graduation standards, as established by the state and the school board, in order to graduate from Austin High School. Parents may opt out of the statewide assessments for their student(s) by completing the [Refusal for Student Participation in Statewide Assessments form](#) and returning it to the school district office.

Course Credits Required

To receive a diploma, students must successfully complete at least 24 course credits and comply with the following high school level course requirements:

High School Level Courses Required for Graduation		
Subject Area	Credits	Explanation
Language Arts	4	Must be sufficient to satisfy all academic standards in the English language arts.
Mathematics	3	Algebra I is required by the end of eighth grade. Algebra II or its equivalent is also required. A computer science, career and technical education, or Project Lead the Way course may fulfill a mathematics credit if the course meets the applicable state academic standards.

Science	3	Must include at least one credit of biology, one credit of chemistry or physics, and one elective credit of science. The combination of credits must be sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in either chemistry or physics and all other academic standards in science. An agricultural science, a career and technical education, or a Project Lead the Way course may fulfill a science credit if the course meets the applicable state academic standards. An agricultural science or a career and technical education course cannot fulfill the biology requirement.
Social Studies	4	Must include at least United States history, geography, government and citizenship, world history, and economics sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in social studies. A one-half credit of economics taught in an agriculture education or business department may fulfill a one-half credit in social studies if the credit is sufficient to satisfy all of the academic standards in economics.
Physical Education	1	
Health	0.5	
Visual and Performing Arts	1	Must be sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards in the arts. A career and technical education course may fulfill an arts credit.
Elective Courses	7.5	

Minnesota Academic Standards

All students must satisfactorily complete the following required Minnesota Graduation Standards:

Minnesota Academic Standards, English Language Arts K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Mathematics K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Science K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Social Studies K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards, Physical Education K-12
Minnesota Academic Standards or Local Standards, Arts K-12

School District Required and Elective Standards

All students must satisfactorily complete the following school district required and elective standards:

- One credit in the arts sufficient to satisfy all of the state or local academic standards in the arts; and
- One credit of physical education and one-half credit of health; and
- A minimum of seven and one-half elective credits.

Students with an individualized education program, Section 504 accommodation plan, or limited English proficiency needs may be eligible for testing accommodations, modifications, and/or exemption. For additional information, contact the Special Service Department at 507-460-1916.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options

Students who choose to take a college course in place of the high school course will receive both college and high school credit for the class. Austin High School is responsible for purchasing student textbooks for college courses (no cost to student) for these courses. Students may be charged for equipment that becomes their property when the course or program is completed. Attendance and grading follow the same requirements and policies as regular high school courses. Students taking college courses at AHS need to have a full academic schedule. Student Aide and Study Hall are not in the academic category. To qualify for college courses, students must meet the following criteria: the "Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Program Notice of Student Registration" Form needs to be obtained and completed from the Counseling Office. Students must meet the following minimum criteria to qualify: 1. Seniors must be in the upper 1/2 of their unweighted class rank of full-time students or score at or above the 50th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test. 2. Juniors must be in the upper 1/3 of their non-weighted class rank of full-time students or score at or above the 70th percentile on a nationally standardized, norm-referenced test. 3. Sophomores may take one career/technical course. In order to be eligible, a 10th grade student must have met the proficiency level of "meets or exceeds" on the 8th grade MCA reading test. Students may also need to take the Accuplacer and meet program requirements. 4. Students may retake the Accuplacer. Retakes should be arranged with the College and Career Center at AHS. 5. The Accuplacer can be taken twice per school year.