



IJ HOLTON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ADDENDUM

Class Rank/Academic Standing

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

Grading (IJ Holton)

IJ Holton Intermediate School recognizes that grading, homework, make-up opportunities, report cards, and reporting practices in general should be consistent, accurate, fair, meaningful, research-based, and connected to state and national standards. Students will receive both Knowledge and Lifeskills grades.

Knowledge grades will reflect academic achievement consisting of scores in two categories.

1. Practice – This is commonly known as homework and is weighted at 15%. Practice includes class work and assignments.
2. Assessments – This is commonly known as tests, quizzes and projects. Assessments are weighted at 85%. All items in this category may be re-taken or modified.

Lifeskills grades will reflect student performance in the areas of behavior, effort and timeliness according to the following rubric.

	Acceptable		Unacceptable	
	4	3	2	1
Behavior	Consistently contributes to a productive learning atmosphere by following expectations	Usually contributes to a productive learning atmosphere by following expectations	Inconsistently contributes to a productive learning atmosphere by following expectations	Rarely contributes to a productive learning atmosphere by following expectations
Effort	Consistently demonstrates initiative and self-direction	Usually demonstrates initiative and self-direction	Inconsistently demonstrates initiative and self-direction	Rarely demonstrates initiative and self-direction
Timeliness	Consistently meets established deadlines for all assigned tasks 100 – 90%	Usually meets established deadlines for all assigned tasks 89 – 75%	Inconsistently meets established deadlines for all assigned tasks 74 – 51%	Rarely meets established deadlines for all assigned tasks 50 – 0%

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:

<h3>High School Level Courses Required for Graduation</h3>
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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
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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

Ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students may apply to enroll in Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) and other advanced enrichment programs. General information about the PSEO program will be provided to all eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students by March 1. Qualifying credits granted to a student through a PSEO course or program that meets or exceeds a graduation standard or requirement will be counted toward the graduation and credit requirements of the state academic standards. Interested students must fill out an application form and submit it to the AHS Counseling Office by May 30 for enrollment the following school year. The application form must be signed by the student and his/her parent or guardian. Students wishing to take a PSEO course should contact the AHS Counseling Office at 507-460-1812.