



Welcome to Austin High School

9th Grade Family Meeting



Facilitator Introduction



**KIM
GOBLIRSCH**
Assistant Principal



ANGIE TAYLOR
*SARS Coordinator
ADA/ALC Social Worker*



EMILY HOVLAND
*Packer Profile
Coordinator*



JANE CARLSON
Pathways Coordinator

STRATEGIC ROADMAP

Our Mission

Inspire. Empower. Accelerate.

Our Vision

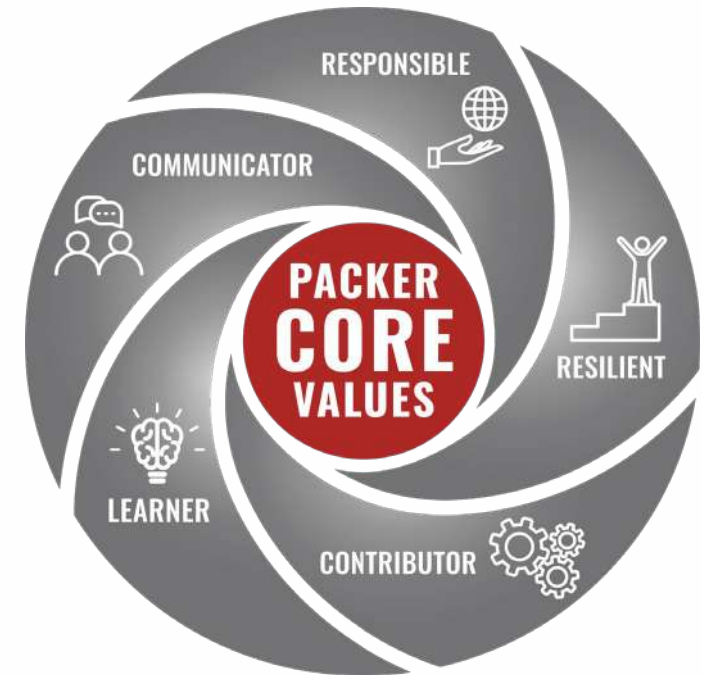
Preparing all learners to make a difference in the world.

Our Core Values

- Responsible: Demonstrates accountability to self and others
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Our Strategic Priorities

1. Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment
2. Packer Profile for all learners
3. District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners
4. Excellence in resource management



Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

- School begins at 8:30 am and ends at 3:30 pm
- Doors open at 8:15 am

Notify the office of any absences:

- 507-460-1806 (AHS Attendance)
- 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

Infinite Campus
Parent Portal Link



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Safe and Welcoming Learning Environment

- 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



Resource Management



Grading

- 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

Parent Portal Link



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Support Contacts at AHS

Administrators

- Principal Mr. Matt Schmit
- Assistant Principals: Ms. Allison Gunderson, Ms. Kim Goblirsch, Mr. David Bunn

Counselors

- Ms. Sarah Schmit (A-E)
- Ms. Lynn Keenan (F-L)
- Ms. Julie Hale (M-Reh)
- Mr. Bryce Hoffa (Rei–Z)
- Ms. Angie Taylor (AOA & ALC)
- Career Center: Jane Carlson (0151)

Success Coaches

- Ms. Garcia (Spanish), Hsawreh Lyahduku and Ymay Ya (Karen/Karenni)



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Systems of Support for All Learners

- Multi-layered supports for student success in academics, behavior, and social-emotional learning.
- Teacher teaming which means a group of teachers share the same students.
- Teachers facilitate relationship-building activities throughout the year.
- A tiered level of problem-solving meetings to support students who are struggling or in need of enrichment.



Activities at AHS

Austin High School Activities 2023-24

Welcome Back! We are so excited for the 2023-24 School Year. Getting involved in Activities at your school is a great way to create new friendships and become part of the MANY different sports, music groups, clubs and activities we have to offer. I hope you consider joining one or more of our Activities. Check out the many opportunities we have at AHS! Let me know if you have any questions about the Activities offered at Austin High School.

GO PACKERS!

-Katie Carter, Activities Director

Fall Sports:

Boys:

Cheer
Cross Country
Football
Soccer

Girls:

Cheer
Cross Country
Soccer
Swim & Dive
Tennis
Volleyball

Winter Sports:

Boys:

Basketball
Dance Team
Hockey
Swim & Dive
Wrestling

Girls:

Basketball
Dance Team
Gymnastics
Hockey
Wrestling

Spring Sports:

Boys:

Adaptive Bowling
Baseball
Golf
Tennis
Track and Field

Girls:

Adaptive Bowling
Cycling
Golf
Softball
Track and Field

Music:

Austinares
Choralaires
Jazz Band

La Fiera Chamber
Pep Band
Vocal Jazz

Clubs & Activities:

Archery

Art Club

Austinian (Yearbook)

Bike Club

Boys Volleyball

Clay Target

Club Bowling

Cycling

DECA

Diversity Club

Drama Club (Theater)

FFA

Go Green

Knowledge Bowl

National Honors Society

Prom Committee

Science Olympiad

Speech Team

STAND

Student Council

Table Tennis

Youth Leadership

Weight Training

Register via Parent Portal in the School Store.

JOIN TODAY!

Questions?

Kelly Joseph - Activities Secretary - 507-460-1825

kelly.joseph@austin.k12.mn.us

Katie Carter - Activities Director

katie.carter@austin.k12.mn.us



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Get involved at AHS today!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES:



1. Sports Physical

In order to participate in a sport, students **MUST** have an updated sports physical on file.

- Local Chiropractic Practices can also administer sports physicals for a fee
- Bring sports physical paperwork to your clinic for your next Well Child visit for your provider to fill out
- Sports physicals (first page only) can be emailed or delivered to the AHS Activities Office. Email to kelly.joseph@austin.k12.mn.us



2. Parent Portal App:

- Create an account
- Menu
- School Store
- Select Sport or Activity
- Select View
- Select Recipient
- Select Required Forms: [AHS ActivityInfo](#)
- Add to Cart
- Proceed with Payment



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9th-Grade Orientation

Thursday, August 24th, 2023



8:00 am-12:00 pm starting in Packer Gym



We would like to welcome your incoming freshman through an orientation day with our LINK Crew (junior and senior student leaders).



Attendance is highly recommended. If you have any questions or concerns, please call 507-460-1805.



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Monthly Community Newsletter



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AHS Career Pathways Exploration



**AGRICULTURE,
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BUSINESS



**ENGINEERING,
MANUFACTURING,
& TECHNOLOGY**



**EDUCATION, HEALTH
SCIENCES, & HUMAN
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**ARTS &
COMMUNICATION**

Course/Credit 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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Career Pathways Exploration

Support students in the following ways:

- Help students discover their **career interests**
- **Career Exploration** - what careers are out there
- Host **Career & College Fairs**
- Connect students to **scholarships**
- All students will develop a **four-year plan** based on their career interest
- What careers interest me and how do I get there?



EDUCATION, HEALTH SCIENCES, & HUMAN SERVICES

The Education, Health Science, and Human Services Career Pathway exposes students to careers and experiences that support and improve safety and well-being based on the needs of individuals, families and communities.



EDUCATION				
Course Number	Course Title	Level	Prerequisite	Credit
909201	Child Development	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
909202	Working With Young Children	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
909302	Communication and Relationships	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
908211	Unified Physical Education	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
915402	Psychology	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
915403	Sociology	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
909326	POC Education Foundations	Advanced	Yes	0.75/sem.
909326	POC Multicultural Education & Diversity	Advanced	Yes	0.75/sem.

RELATED ELECTIVE COURSES

- World Language
- Mentorship

HEALTH				
Course Number	Course Title	Level	Prerequisite	Credit
909201	Child Development	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
909302	Communication and Relationships	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
920201/920202	Food Chemistry	Introductory	Yes	1.0/year
913511/913512	Anatomy & Physiology	Introductory	Yes	1.0/year
915402	Psychology	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
908221/908222	Strength Training	Intermediate	Yes	1.0/year
908223/908224	Packer Fitness Club	Intermediate	Yes	1.0/year
908225/908226	Team & Individual Sports	Intermediate	Yes	1.0/year
913241/913242	AP Biology	Advanced	Yes	1.0/year

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HIGH NEED CAREERS IN OUR REGION

- Teachers
- Teachers Assistants
- Health Education Specialists
- Coaches and Scouts
- Instructional Coordinators
- Nurses
- Home Health and Personal Care Aides
- Medical Assistants
- Physician Assistants
- EMT

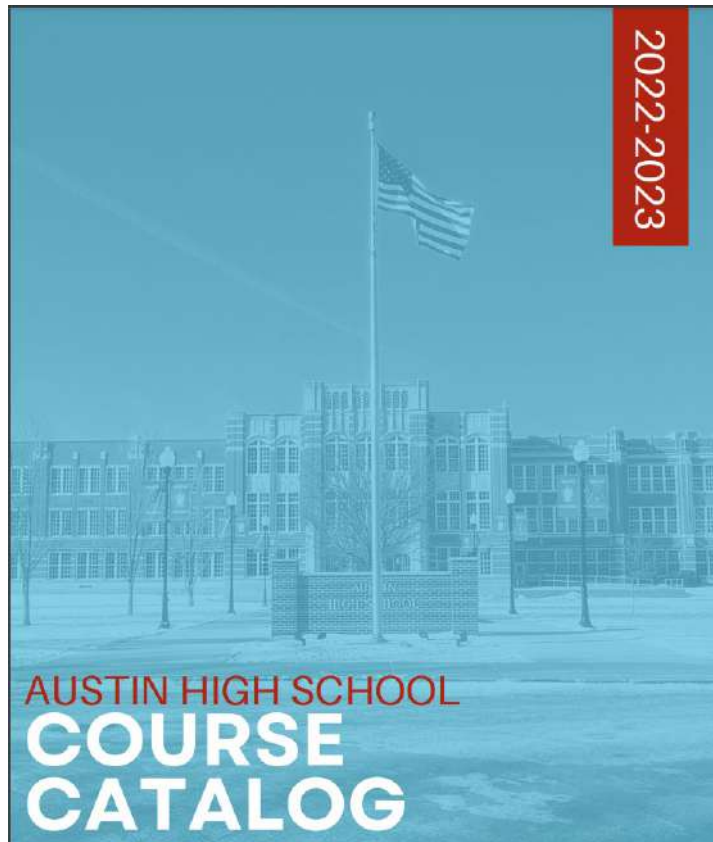


For more information on courses, including descriptions and pre-requisites, please visit <https://austin.k12.mn.us/course-information-guide>.



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Course Registration Guide



[Course Catalog Link](#)



BUSINESS

The Business Career Pathway helps students explore careers and provide authentic learning experiences in planning, organizing, directing and evaluating functions essential to running an efficient and productive business.

A photograph showing a group of students in a classroom setting, working together on a project or presentation.

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

Course Number	Course Title	Level	Prerequisite	Credit
914201	Intro to Business & Marketing	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
914203/914204	Marketing & Sales I	Intermediate	No	1.0/year
914401	Personal Finance & Money Management	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
905211/905212	CEO	Advanced	Yes	1.0/year
914205/914206	Management & Marketing II	Advanced	Yes	1.0/year
914209	Mentorship	Advanced	No	0.5/sem.

RELATED ELECTIVE COURSE

- World Language

FINANCE

Course Number	Course Title	Level	Prerequisite	Credit
914201	Intro to Business & Marketing	Introductory	No	0.5/sem.
914101	Accounting	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
914203/914204	Marketing & Sales I	Intermediate	No	1.0/year
914401	Personal Finance & Money Management	Intermediate	No	0.5/sem.
905211/905212	CEO	Advanced	Yes	1.0/year
914205/914206	Management & Marketing II	Advanced	Yes	1.0/year
914209	Mentorship	Advanced	No	0.5/sem.

RELATED ELECTIVE COURSES

- World Language
- Cybersecurity
- At Issue: Modern World Events

HIGH NEED CAREERS IN OUR REGION

- Purchasing Managers
- Project Management Specialists
- Customer Service Representatives
- Secretaries and Administrative Assistants
- HR Managers
- Accountants
- Auditors
- Claims Adjusters
- Financial Managers
- Loan Officers

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For more information on courses, including descriptions and pre-requisites, please visit <https://ahs.austin.k12.mn.us/course-information-guide>.

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COURSE INFORMATION GUIDE

Welcome to the online Course Information Guide. The easiest way to use the guide is to utilize the search function. You can search by course name, course number, department, pathway, or keyword. Additionally, you can use the filters below to limit courses by pathway, core courses, courses with the option for college credit, or NCAA qualifying courses.

SEARCH **PATHWAYS** DEPARTMENT GENERAL INFORMATION

[ALL](#) [COLLEGE CREDIT](#) [NCAA ELIGIBLE](#) [PATHWAY: AFNR](#) [PATHWAY: ARTS AND COMMUNICATION](#)

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ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Course #: 913511 / 913512

Grade(s) Offered: 11-12

Credits/Length: 1 / year

Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry
(Honors recommended)

[+ Course Detail](#)

AP BIOLOGY

Course #: 913241 / 913242

Grade(s) Offered: 12

Credits/Length: 2 / year (2-hour
block)

Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry
(Honors recommended)

[+ Course Detail](#)

AT ISSUE: MODERN WORLD EVENTS

Course #: 915404

Grade(s) Offered: 9-12

Credits/Length: 0.5 / semester

Prerequisite: None

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NCAA
Eligible

Course Description:

In Anatomy and Physiology, students study the body systems through hands-on activities, laboratory work, and projects. Timely health topics are included, such as stem cells and regenerative medicine, concussions, cardiovascular disease, and diabetes. Laboratory experiences include working with anatomical models, using microscopes, studying x-rays, taking blood pressure, measuring reflexes and reaction time, testing aspects of vision, and analyzing simulated blood and urine for disease. This course serves as an excellent foundation for students considering a career in the health sciences, as well as for students planning to take AP Biology (the two courses may also be taken concurrently).

NCAA Eligible

Pathway: AFNR

Pathway: Education, Health Sciences, and Human Services



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Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship



THE HORMEL FOUNDATION

Austin Assurance Scholarship

What is The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship?

The Hormel Foundation Austin Assurance Scholarship (THFAAS) is a scholarship (free money) that students can use while earning a full-time or part-time education at

Riverland Community College. This scholarship covers tuition (65 credits), fees, and includes a stipend for needed books and class materials. The scholarship amount varies for each student, but it will cover 100% of tuition and fees not fulfilled by federal grants or state grants. THFAAS has a potential savings of over \$12,000 for college education costs!

To be eligible for THFAAS, students must be a graduate of Austin Public Schools or Pacelli High School and must live in the Austin Public School enrollment district, have 50 documented volunteer hours in the community, and meet other criteria.

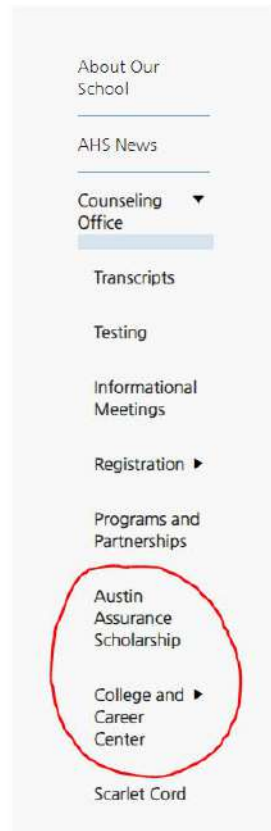
To learn more, please visit <https://austinassurance.org> or visit the **College and Career Center!**



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Pathway Resources

HOME > COUNSELING OFFICE



COUNSELING OFFICE

Austin High School CEEB School Code is 240-125.



The Austin High School Counseling Department is structured to serve students and families by dividing caseloads according to students last name.

Last names beginning with the letter:

- A-E, Sarah Schmit, sarah.schmit@austin.k12.mn.us, 460-1817
- F-L, Lynn Keenan, lynn.keenan@austin.k12.mn.us, 460-1813
- M-Reh, Julie Hale, julie.hale@austin.k12.mn.us, 460-1816
- Rei-Z, Bryce Hoffa, bryce.hoffa@austin.k12.mn.us, 460-1814

[Get To Know Your Counseling Department](#)

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Jane Carlson

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Located in the Career Center



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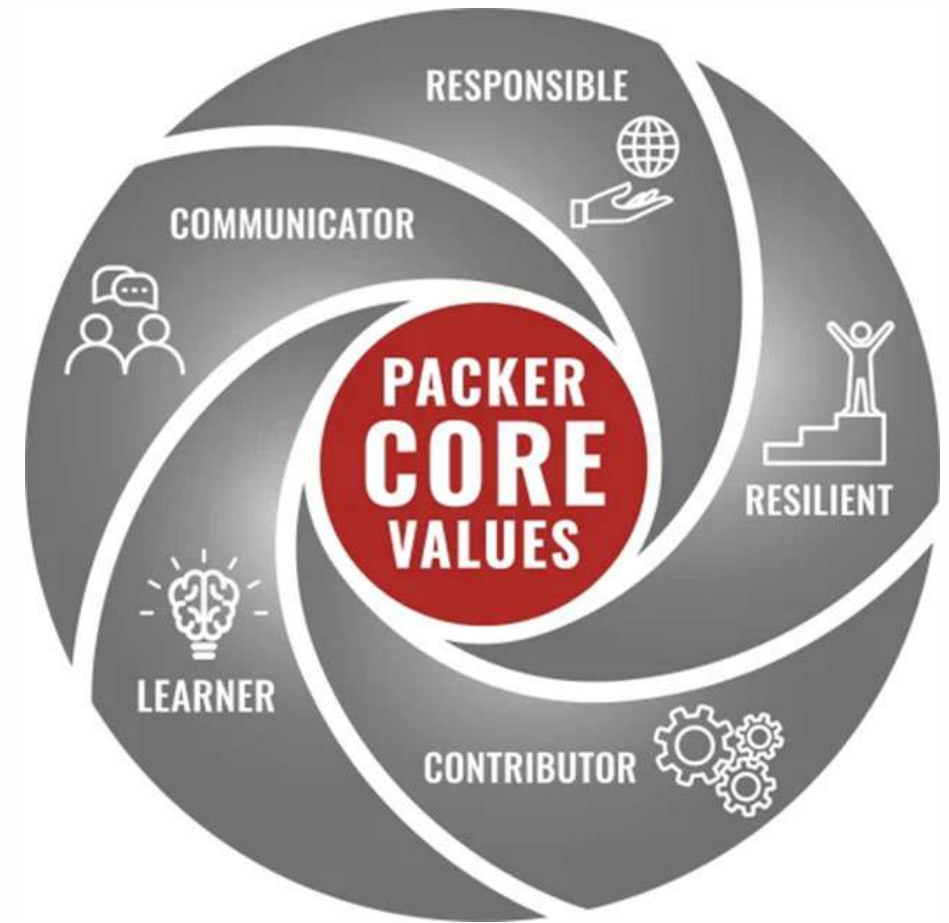
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Meaningful Learning

- Opportunities to collaborate while developing necessary real-world skills
- Depth of knowledge
- Strong community connections beyond the classroom





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Packer Portfolio

- Students will have support to build portfolios in SWAY
- Students will gather evidence for their portfolio
- <https://sway.office.com/4U1D0cORDS4GGALG>



LEARNER



- Strengths Finders
- Study skills
- Life skills
- Interests Inventory
- Post-secondary research
- Soft skills
- Service projects research
- Goal setting

COMMUNICATOR



- Writing skills
- Presentation skills
- Collaboration
- Technology skills
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Resume writing
- Communicating goals
- Team building

RESPONSIBLE



- Post-secondary planning
- Financial literacy
- Recommendation letters
- Job skills
- Goal-setting work
- Service project hours
- Portfolio building

CONTRIBUTOR



- Portfolio building
- Reflection on high school career
- Thank you letters
- Community service project
- Volunteering/ community involvement
- Capstone work