

# Welcome to Austin High School

9th Grade Family Meeting



# Facilitator Introduction



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*Pathways Coordinator*



# STRATEGIC ROADMAP

## Our Mission

Inspire. Empower. Accelerate.

## Our Vision

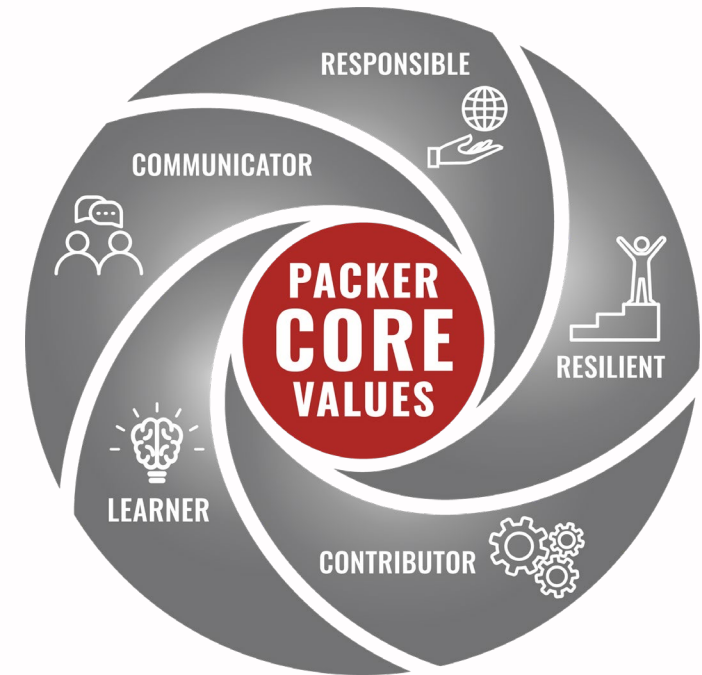
Preparing all learners to make a difference in the world.

## Our Core Values

- Responsible: Demonstrates accountability to self and others
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- Contributor: Engages as a productive member of the community and global society

## 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](mailto: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



# 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)

# 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.



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# 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:

Austinaires	La Fiera Chamber
Choralaires	Pep Band
Jazz Band	Vocal Jazz

### Clubs & Activities:

Archery	Go Green
Art Club	Knowledge Bowl
Austinian (Yearbook)	National Honors Society
Bike Club	Prom Committee
Boys Volleyball	Science Olympiad
Clay Target	Speech Team
Club Bowling	STAND
Cycling	Student Council
DECA	Table Tennis
Diversity Club	Youth Leadership
Drama Club (Theater)	Weight Training
FFA	

Register via Parent Portal in the School Store.

JOIN TODAY!

Questions?

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Katie Carter - Activities Director

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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](mailto: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,  
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# 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	RCC Education Foundations	Advanced	Yes	0.75/sem.
909325	RCC 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



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# Course Registration Guide



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## 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.



### 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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# 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

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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

[+ Course Detail](#)



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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.

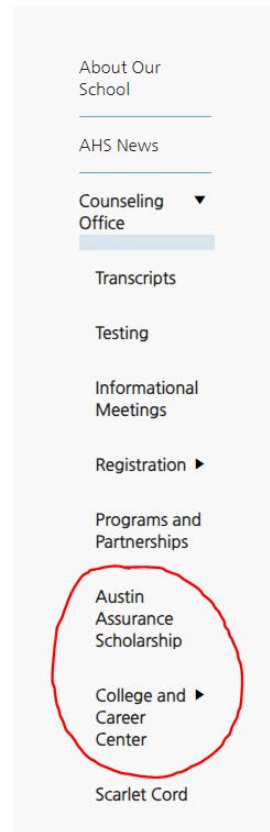
To learn more, please visit <https://austinassurance.org> or visit the **College and Career Center**!



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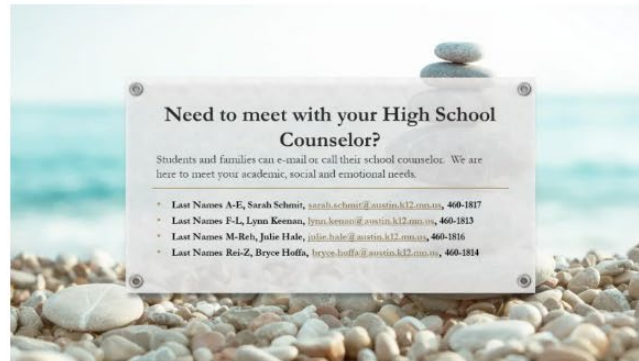
# Pathway Resources

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](mailto:sarah.schmit@austin.k12.mn.us), 460-1817
- F-L, Lynn Keenan, [lynn.keenan@austin.k12.mn.us](mailto:lynn.keenan@austin.k12.mn.us), 460-1813
- M-Reh, Julie Hale, [julie.hale@austin.k12.mn.us](mailto:julie.hale@austin.k12.mn.us), 460-1816
- Rei-Z, Bryce Hoffa, [bryce.hoffa@austin.k12.mn.us](mailto:bryce.hoffa@austin.k12.mn.us), 460-1814

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## COUNSELING STAFF

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## Career Pathway Coordinator

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Located in the Career Center



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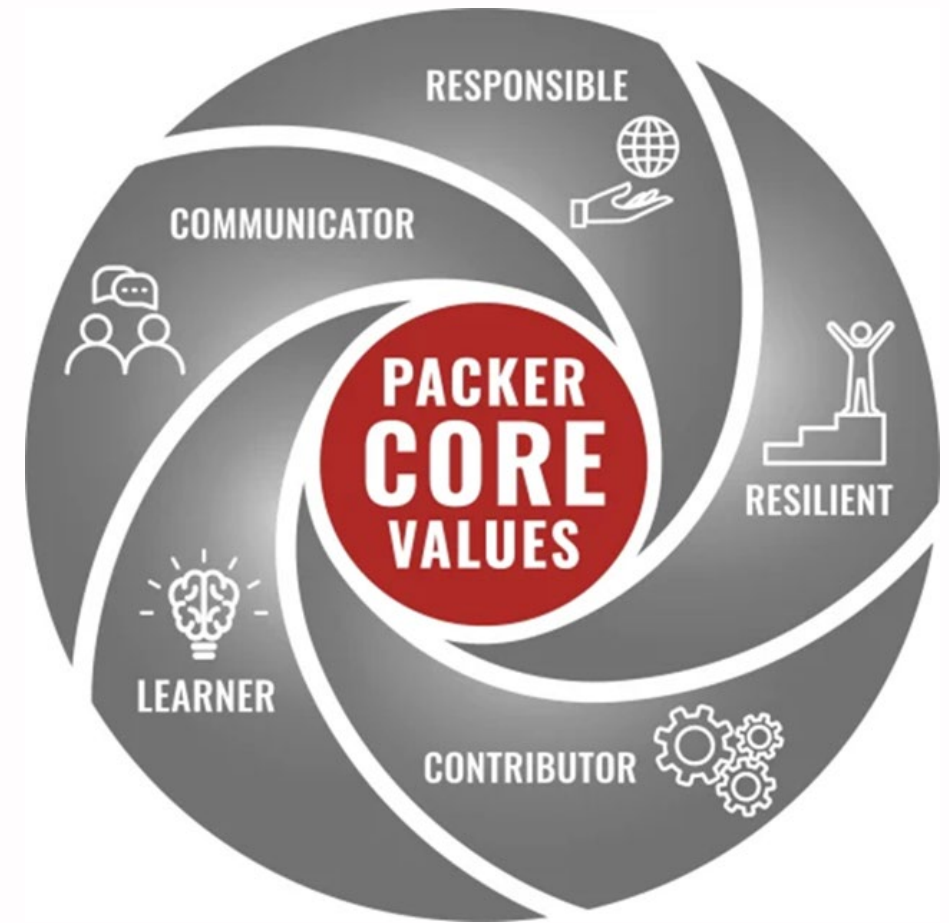
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# Meaningful Learning

- 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