



AUSTIN HIGH SCHOOL | 2023-2024

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OUR SCHOOL

Located in the heart of the city, Austin High School serves over 2,400 students and is the oldest continuously operating public high school in Texas. Austin High's long tradition of excellence aims to recreate the urban school experience and assure that all students gain the skills and experience to be successful after high school. The small learning communities provided by our academy programming promote strong peer accountability, teacher engagement, and deeper opportunities for learning preparing students for their next academic pursuit. Students leave AHS prepared for life through Social Emotional Learning curriculum and campus based experiences providing skills focused on handling themselves, relationships, and working effectively and ethically.

• **36% Hispanic** • **54% Caucasian/White** • **3% African American** • **2% Asian** • **5% Multiracial**

OUR ACADEMIES

- All entering 9th grade students select an academy based on their interests, and students are placed in an academy through a lottery process. Our academies are based on core courses, not electives, and each incorporate travel and outside of the classroom learning expeditions and experiences.
- Instructional goals for all academies: small learning communities, interdisciplinary approach to core content, signature experiences catered to the goals of each academy, field work, guest speakers, travel experiences, and university visits.
- Academy courses include English, Social Studies, Math, and Science, but students still have half of their schedule devoted to electives, fine arts, world language, athletics, Career and Technology courses, etc. In elective classes the academies are blended together, so students get to work with people who have varied interests.

CLASSICAL STUDIES	GLOBAL STUDIES	DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY	SCIENCE & INNOVATION
3 credits of fine arts or another classical elective	4 credits of spoken world language	3 technology-based or design focused electives	Completed science pathway
Integration of Great Works/classical texts in a modern context.	Interdisciplinary, project-based learning based on global issues.	Greater emphasis on blended-learning and technology infused lessons.	Focus on problem-solving through scientific discovery.
Capstone: Senior thesis or independent study project	Capstone: Portfolio and Service Project Design	Capstone: Genius Hour and Internship	Capstone: UT Research methods course

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

- Austin High partners with Austin Community College and the University of Texas at Austin to provide dual credit/dual enrollment courses on campus so students can earn college credits in high school.
- The University of Texas at Austin offers UT On Ramps courses for college credit.
- AP courses offered include:
 - Biology
 - Calculus AB
 - Calculus BC
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Economics
 - English Language
 - English Literature
 - European History
 - French
 - Human Geography
 - Physics
 - Psychology
 - Spanish Language
 - Spanish Literature
 - Statistics
 - Studio Art
 - US Government
 - US History
 - World History

SIGNATURE PROGRAMMING & ELECTIVES

- World Languages: ASL, French, Spanish, and Latin
- Fine Arts include Theatre, Orchestra, Debate, Choir, Band, Guitar, 2D & 3D Art, Graphic Design, Journalism, Photography
- Other programs include AVID, STEM: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Engineering, Computer Science, Biomedical Sciences, Culinary Arts, Link Crew, Model United Nations, Digital & Media Arts.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- Average GPA for the class of 2023: 3.420
- **R = Regular Value H = Honors Value**

Grade:	R	H	Grade:	R	H	Grade:	R	H
100	4.0	5.0	89	2.9	3.9	79	1.9	2.9
99	3.9	4.9	88	2.8	3.8	78	1.8	2.8
98	3.8	4.8	87	2.7	3.7	77	1.7	2.7
97	3.7	4.7	86	2.6	3.6	76	1.6	2.6
96	3.6	4.6	85	2.5	3.5	75	1.5	2.5
95	3.5	4.5	84	2.4	3.4	74	1.4	2.4
94	3.4	4.4	83	2.3	3.3	73	1.3	2.3
93	3.3	4.3	82	2.2	3.2	72	1.2	2.2
92	3.2	4.2	81	2.1	3.1	71	1.1	2.1
91	3.1	4.1	80	2.0	3.0	70	1.0	2.0
90	3.0	4.0						

STANDARDIZED TESTING

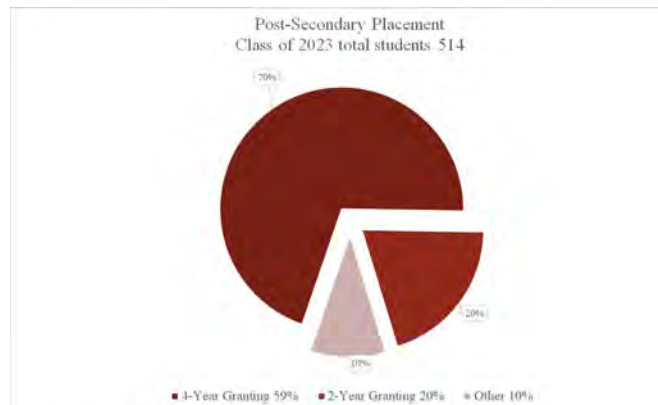
- Austin High School served as a school day SAT test site Spring 2023.

SAT Summary		
Section	Middle 50%	Mean
EBRW	500-600	561
Mathematics	440-600	507
TOTAL	950-1270	1069

GRADING, GPA & RANK POLICY

- Weighted 4.0 GPA Scale
- Austin ISD uses an Integrated Grading Scale which combines weighted and unweighted courses in the cumulative weighted GPA.
- Austin High is a non-ranking school.
- Pursuant to Texas Education Code Section 51-803 class rank will only be provided to Texas public universities for students in the top ten percent of their class.
- The purpose of the district's class rank policy is to promote rigorous academic standards and readiness for college, career, and life in a globally competitive economy.

POST-SECONDARY PLACEMENT



- Number in 2023 class: 514
 - 4-Year College: 71%
 - 2-Year College: 20%
 - Military/Training: 1%
 - Other: 9%

CURRENT IMPACTS

- COVID-19 Grading Policies
The Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees adopted a temporary grading, grade point average, and academic rank policy:
 - All students will receive a P (pass) or I (incomplete) for the Spring 2020 semester which concluded on March 13, 2020.
 - Final GPA for the 2020 school year for all grade levels will be calculated using grades transcribed as of December 20, 2019. Spring 2020 is not factored in GPA or class rank consideration.

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