



# 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PARENT NIGHT

Anderson High School

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# COURSE ADVISEMENT ONLINE RESOURCES

The screenshot shows the Anderson High School website. The browser address bar displays [www.andersononline.org](http://www.andersononline.org). The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT US, ACADEMICS, STUDENTS, PARENTS, and CONTACT US. The school's logo, a blue and yellow gladiator helmet, is centered above the main heading "Anderson High School". Below the heading, there are two images: a football stadium on the left and a close-up of a person's arm on the right. A yellow sidebar on the right contains a list of resources: 2017-2018 Student Requirements, 2017-2018 Course Selection (highlighted with a blue arrow), Prospective Students, Athletics, Fine Arts, A/B Calendar, New Bell Schedule, and PTSA. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the date as 2/9/2017 and the time as 8:19 AM.

Anderson High School

2017-2018 Student Requirements

**2017-2018 Course Selection**

Prospective Students

Athletics

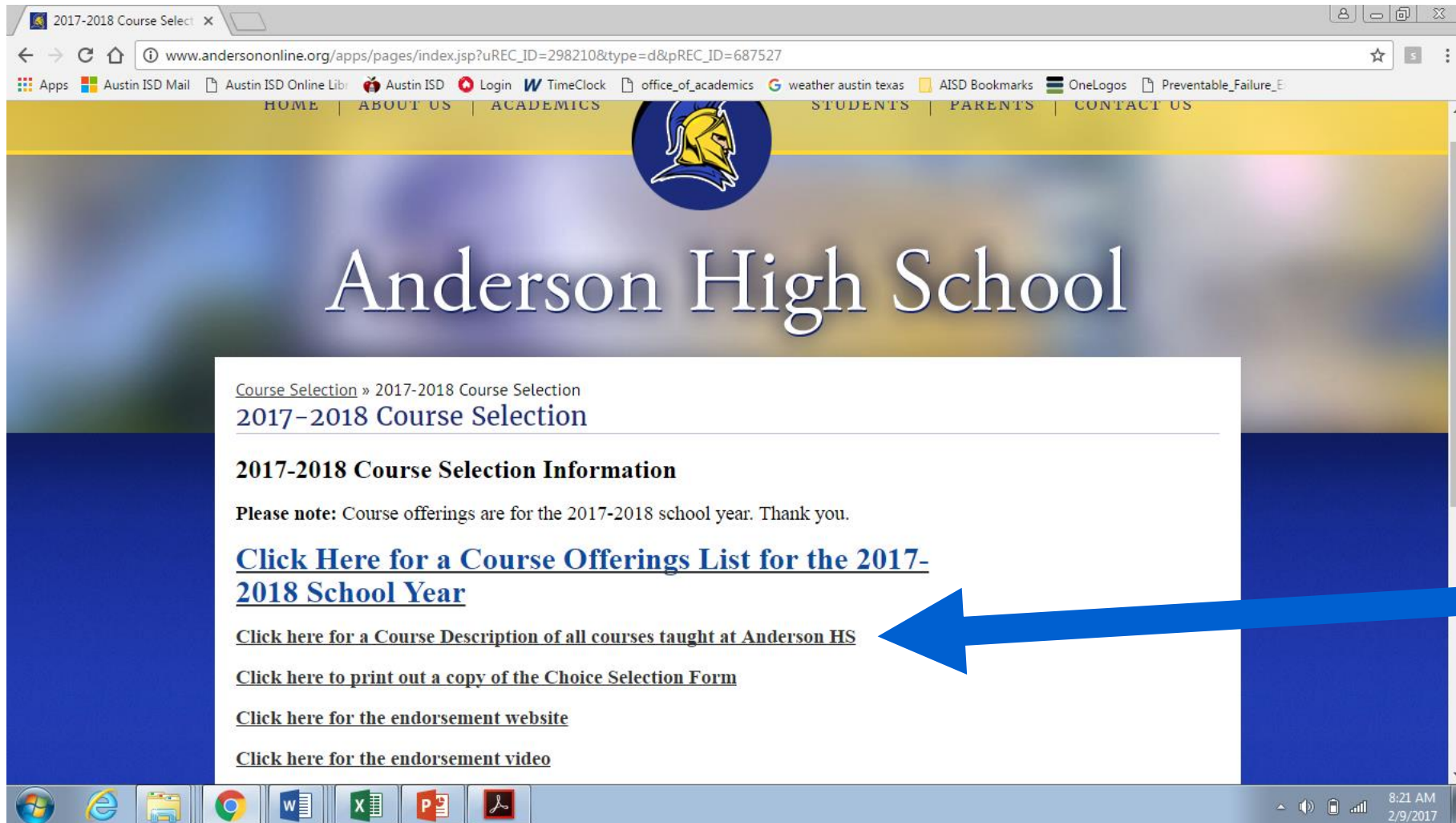
Fine Arts

A/B Calendar

New Bell Schedule

PTSA

# ANDERSON COURSE ADVISEMENT WEBPAGES



2017-2018 Course Select x

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## Anderson High School

[Course Selection](#) » 2017-2018 Course Selection

### 2017-2018 Course Selection

#### 2017-2018 Course Selection Information

Please note: Course offerings are for the 2017-2018 school year. Thank you.

[Click Here for a Course Offerings List for the 2017-2018 School Year](#)

[Click here for a Course Description of all courses taught at Anderson HS](#)

[Click here to print out a copy of the Choice Selection Form](#)

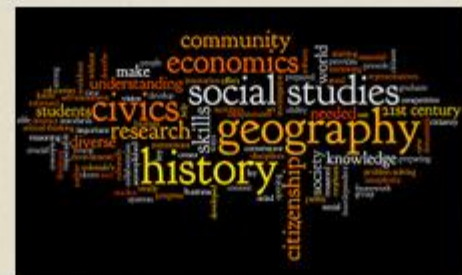
[Click here for the endorsement website](#)

[Click here for the endorsement video](#)

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## ENGLISH

- *English I*
- *ESOL English I and II*
- *English II*
- *English III*
- *English IV*
- *On Ramps English IV*



## SOCIAL STUDIES

- *World Geography*
- *World History*
- *United States History*
- *U.S. Government*
- *Economics*

## MATH

- *Algebra I*
- *MAPS (must be taken by 9th graders in Algebra I and Geometry)*
  - *MAPS Outline*
  - *GMAPS Exemption Test (for students taking Geometry in 9th grade)*
- *Geometry*
- *Math Modeling*
- *Algebra II*
- *Pre-Calculus*
- *Adv. Quantitative Reasoning and AP Statistics*
- *Statistics*
- *AP Calculus AB and BC*



## SCIENCE

- *Biology*
- *Integrated Physics and Chemistry (IPC)*
- *Chemistry*
- *Physics*
- *AP Physics I and II*
  - *Physic I Overview*
  - *Physic I On Ramps*
  - *Physics II Overview*
  - *Physics II On Ramps*
- *Astronomy*
- *Honors Astronomy*
- *Environmental Systems*
- *AP Environmental Science*
- *AP Physics C*
- *AP Biology*
- *AP Chemistry II*
- *Anatomy & Physiology*
- *Medical Microbiology*
- *Pathophysiology*
- *Biotechnology I and II*
- *Biomedical Internship*

# ANDERSON COURSE SELECTION SHEET

Graduation Requirements	Course Changes to this section must be requested by August 1, 2017		Student may make changes to 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade courses in four year plan at any time. For more information visit the AISD Website: <a href="http://www.austinisd.org/graduationplans">www.austinisd.org/graduationplans</a>		
	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Courses <i>Write in course selection for 2017 school year. If you select a PrAP Course, a Middle School teacher's signature is required.</i>	MS Teacher Signature Approval	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Courses	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Courses	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Courses
English (4 credits)	1		1	1	1
Math (4)	2		2	2	2
Science (4)	3		3	3	3
Social Studies (4)	4		4	4	4
LOTE (2 )	5 MAPS (Required for 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade)		5	5	5
Fine Arts (1)	6		6	6	6
P.E. (1)	7		7	7	7
Health (0.5)	8		8	8	8
Electives (5.5)					
<i>Courses in 0 and 9<sup>th</sup> Hour are classes before (0) and after (9) school.</i>	0		0	0	0
	9		9	9	9
Three Alternative Courses	Choice 1: _____		Choice 2: _____	Choice 3: _____	



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- All students of the Class of 2020 are on the Distinguished Level of Achievement with Endorsements Plan (see handout)
- 4 X 4 Required Courses
  - English
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies



# DISTINGUISHED LEVEL OF ACHIEVEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- 4 English Courses
  - English 1, English 2, English 3, and English 4
- 4 Social Studies Courses
  - W. Geography, W. History, US History, and Government/Economics (Gov/Eco are each one semester during senior year)
- 4 Math Courses
  - Alg. 1, Geometry, Alg. 2 & a 4<sup>th</sup> Math Course
- 4 Science Courses
  - Biology
  - Must take at least one of the following
    - IPC, Chemistry, or Physics
  - Two more science credits which may include Physics & Chemistry



# WORLD LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

- 2 years of the same Language other than English
  - Credit by exam option for those who are native speakers
- Reasons to take more than 2 credits of World Language
  - Advantages in workforce/travel if bilingual
  - College implications
    - Some private, selective admission colleges prefer three years of a language
    - Year four of a language is college level so students can test out (AP or IB) of a language and thus earn college credit
  - IB Diploma program requires that all students be in a language course in junior year (must be in either year four or five of the language for IB test)
  - GPA advantage since year three, four, five, and six are weighted GPA
    - More info to come later in presentation about GPA's in High School





# OTHER GRADUATION CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- 1.0 credit (two semesters) of Physical Education
  - There are many ways to earn this credit
    - PE classes
    - Two semesters (years) of Marching Band
    - Aerobic Dance
    - Athletics (also Cheerleading)
    - Off Campus PE Waivers – for those who do at least five hours/week of a physical activity outside of school at an AISD approved vendor (ex- Karate, gymnastics, etc.)
- 1 year of Fine Arts
- One semester of Health
  - May take at Anderson, or via online/summer school
- 5.5 credits of Electives





Business & Industry



Arts & Humanities

## ENDORSEMENTS

- All freshmen have to graduate with at least one endorsement:
- All Anderson 9<sup>th</sup> graders will start on the Multi-Disciplinary Endorsement, but may add a 2<sup>nd</sup> endorsement after 9<sup>th</sup> year has begun
  - Multi-Disciplinary (most commonly earned graduation pathway at Anderson)
  - STEM (science, technology, engineering or math)
  - Business & Industry
  - Public Service
  - Arts & Humanities



Multidisciplinary  
Studies



Public Services



STEM  
Science, Technology,  
Engineering and Math

# CHOOSING THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF RIGOR IN COURSES

- *Differences in middle school honors courses and Anderson's honors courses*
- *Preparation for IB*
- *Preparation for other advance courses*
- *Understanding your workload and other time commitments*



# GRADE POINT AVERAGE

GPA Points for Rank & Cumulative Weighted

	Regular	Honors/Pre-AP/AP/IB/Dual Credit
100	4.0	5.0
95	3.5	4.5
90	3.0	4.0
85	2.5	3.5
80	2.0	3.0
75	1.5	2.5
70	1.0	2.0
69 or below	0	0



# GPA CONTINUED

## ○ Cumulative GPA

- Counts every course taken for high school credit
- This is the GPA reported out to other institutions including colleges

## ○ Class Rank GPA

- Only determines the Top 10% of Anderson
  - must report top 10% due to state law, otherwise Anderson is a non-ranking high school
  - 8 highest (GPA points) semester grades
    - English/Language Arts
    - Mathematics
    - Science
  - Highest GPA points in W. Geography or W. History and the GPA points for US History, Government, and Economics
  - 2 highest GPA point years of World Language



# IMPORTANT DATES FOR INCOMING 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

- Anderson counselors presenting to 8<sup>th</sup> graders at middle schools
  - **Murchison, Lamar, and Fulmore** – already had AHS counselors visit. Choice sheets due tomorrow Thursday 2/8 to MS counselor or MMS History
  - **Kealing** – March 28
  - **Burnet** - February 22 – 8<sup>th</sup> graders come over to AHS
- August 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to change 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses
- Need to fill out ...Commitment Form (should receive this from AISD Middle School)
- And do annual register your child for next school year (use online Cloud app to do so)
- IB Transfer students will have a parent & student meeting - TBA in late March
- Freshmen Orientation Dates - Summer of Success
  - two days (3 hours each day) in June (in past years it has been first 2 weeks in June)
- MAPS Exemption Test (9<sup>th</sup> graders who are in Geometry and don't want MAPS)
  - May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:35pm at Anderson Cafeteria



# ANDERSON COUNSELORS ARE HERE TO HELP

- Counselors are assigned by student's last name
  - A-C [geoffrey.harther@austinisd.org](mailto:geoffrey.harther@austinisd.org)
  - D-Hm [leaann.ross@austinisd.org](mailto:leaann.ross@austinisd.org)
  - Hn-Mn [Rebecca.lyons@austinisd.org](mailto:Rebecca.lyons@austinisd.org)
  - Mo-San [susan.Devaney@austinisd.org](mailto:susan.Devaney@austinisd.org)
  - Sao-Z [gareth.horwood@austinisd.org](mailto:gareth.horwood@austinisd.org)
  - Additional Advising Office hours
    - Wednesday February 21 5 to 7:30p
    - Thursday March 1 5 to 7:30p
    - More hours will be announced via Anderson Website



## AHS STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP (CONTINUED)

- Emails – all projected students for 2017-18 receive periodic emails from Mr. Harter about course advisement/transitioning to AHS
  - Also join Trojan Times (PTSA newsletter)
- Refer to website for course descriptions on every course at Anderson
- Communicate with coaches & fine arts directors about summer camps & tryouts as many programs begin well before 1st day of school
- After reading course descriptions, still have questions about courses then contact counselor or the teacher of the course/program

