

Transitioning to Anderson High School

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Advising Events & Deadlines

- ▶ January 17 - 7p - 8:30p IB Experience
- ▶ January 30 - 5:30p-7:30p - AHS Course Fair
- ▶ January 30 - 9:30a-11:00a - Open House for all 8th graders
- ▶ January 31 - AISD deadline to apply for a transfer to AHS if you reside within AISD but not AHS attendance area; You can apply January 7-31 for a transfer <https://www.austinisd.org/transfer>
- ▶ February 1 - Deadline to apply to IB program (only apply if you reside outside of AHS attendance zone)
- ▶ AHS Parent Night - February 6 - 6p-8p

More Opportunities to learn about AHS & course programs

- ▶ AHS website - click on “Prospective Students”
 - ▶ [Prospective Students](#)
 - ▶ Information about AHS and to sign up for a school tour
- ▶ AHS website - click on “Course Selection”
 - ▶ [Course Selection](#)
 - ▶ Can view list of courses and read a course description about every AHS course
- ▶ Counselor Mr. Harter’s office hours in late February & March
- ▶ Counselor visits to AISD Middle Schools
 - ▶ Feb 11 & 12 to Murchison MS - via History classes;
 - ▶ Feb 13 to Fulmore MS; KMS, BMS, & LMS visits TBD

Summer Transition Events

- ▶ Trojan Summer of Success - two days of freshmen orientation; it's normally the first and second week of June
- ▶ Trojan Charge - both students & parents have different events on a morning in mid-August
- ▶ AHS counselors are also available either in person or via email during summer

Key Traits of a Successful Transition to Anderson

- ▶ Student's self-advocacy
- ▶ Organization
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Avoid Procrastination
- ▶ Communication

Anderson HS has so many different programs, they all can't be represented here tonight...

- ▶ All will be represented at Anderson Course Fair night on January 30
- ▶ Some other key programs at AHS...
 - ▶ Six different world languages
 - ▶ Speech & Debate
 - ▶ Health Science
 - ▶ Audio/Video Production & Animation
 - ▶ Dance, Choir, Orchestra, Piano, and other fine arts programs
 - ▶ Four different ways to earn college credit at AHS
 - ▶ IB, AP, ACC Dual Credit, and UT OnRamps Dual Enrollment
 - ▶ Clubs - Model UN, Scientific Olympiad, UIL Academic Team, etc.
 - ▶ Student Sharing - i.e. courses at other high schools available to AHS students

Anderson Counseling Team

- ▶ After attending the course fair on January 30 and AHS Parent Night on February 6, if you have any course questions please contact your counselor.
- ▶ Counselors are assigned by students' last name ...
 - ▶ A-C Geoffrey.Harter@austinisd.org
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