Freshmen Parent Night

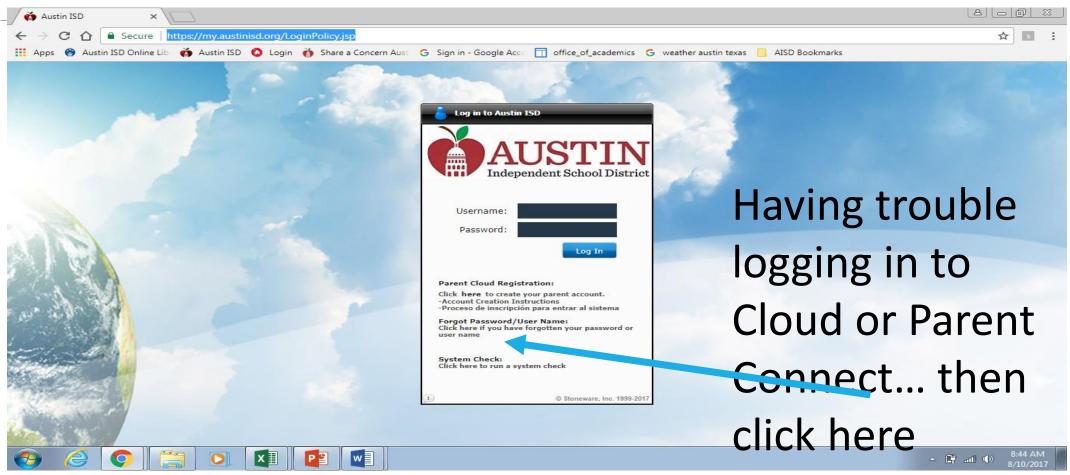
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Grades GPA's/Class Rank

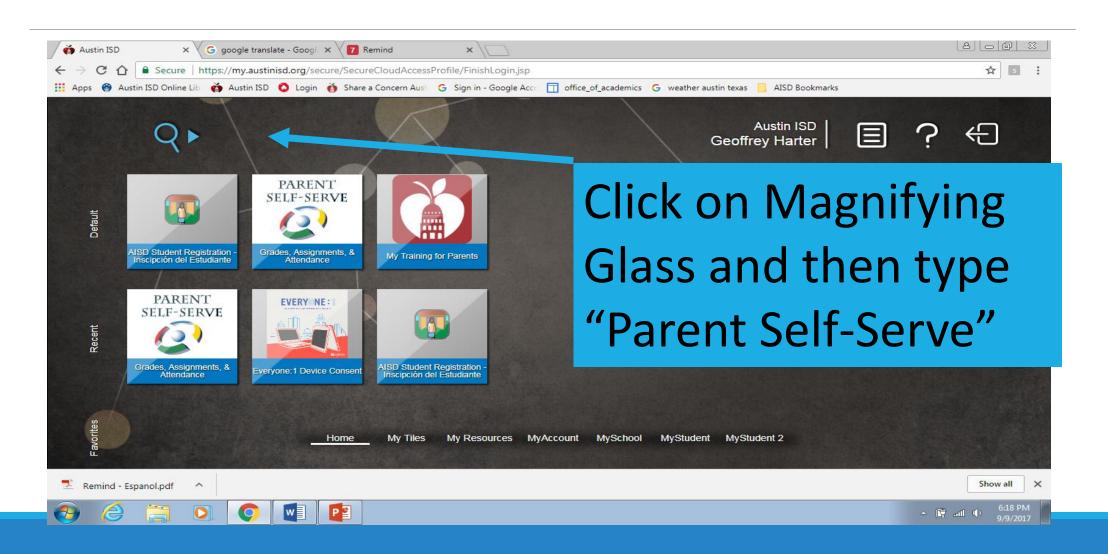
Attendance Planning for the Future

Tips for Freshmen Success Who to Contact at AHS

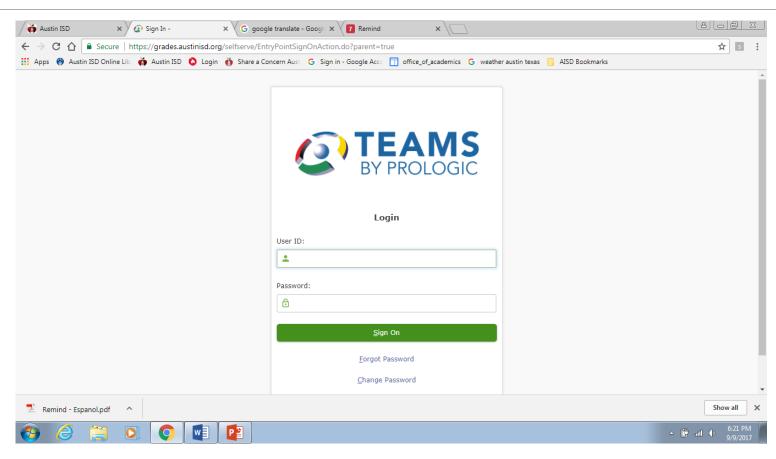
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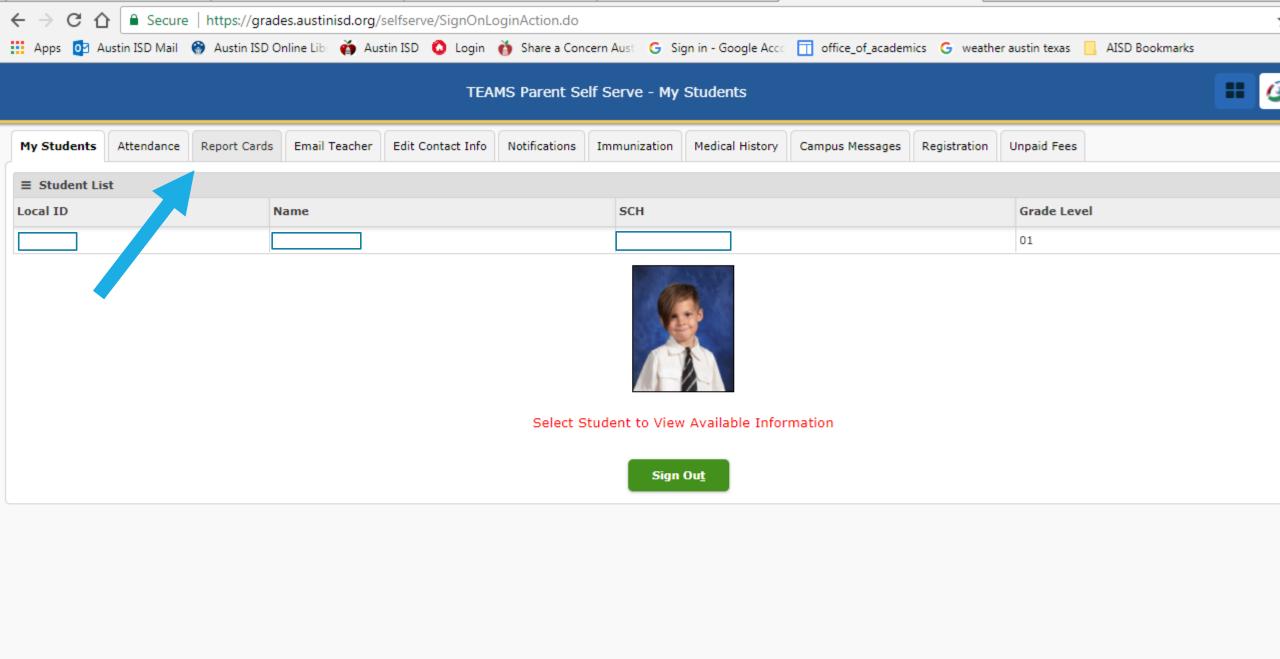


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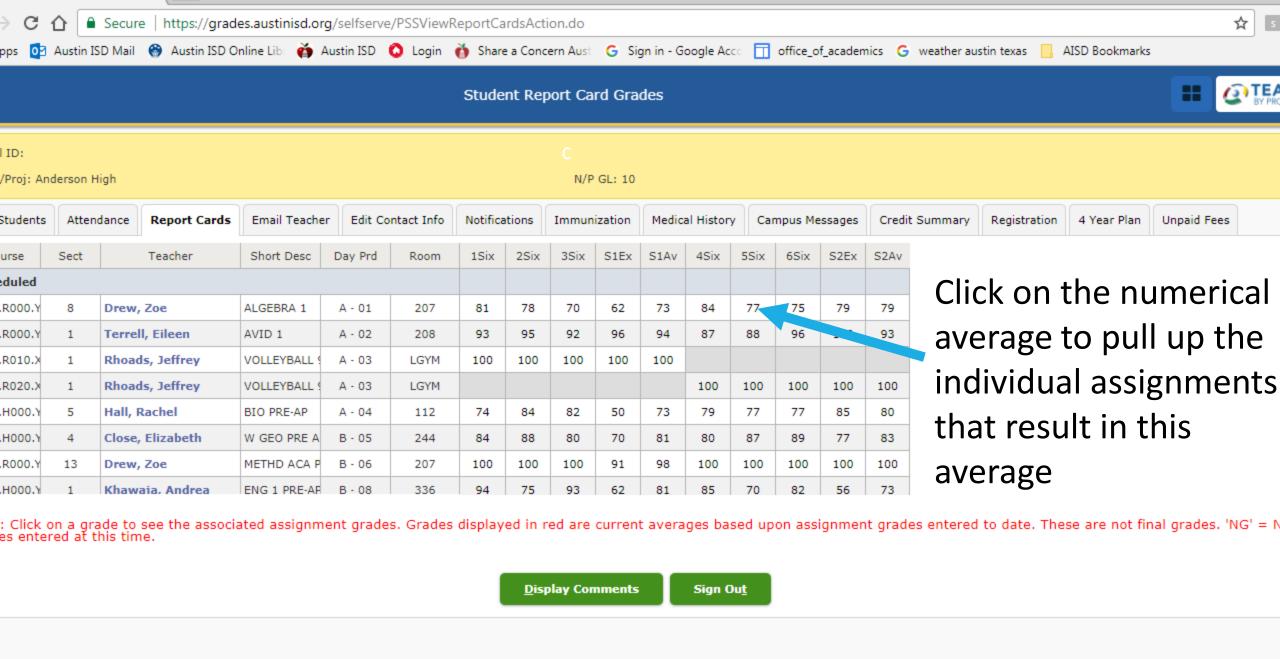
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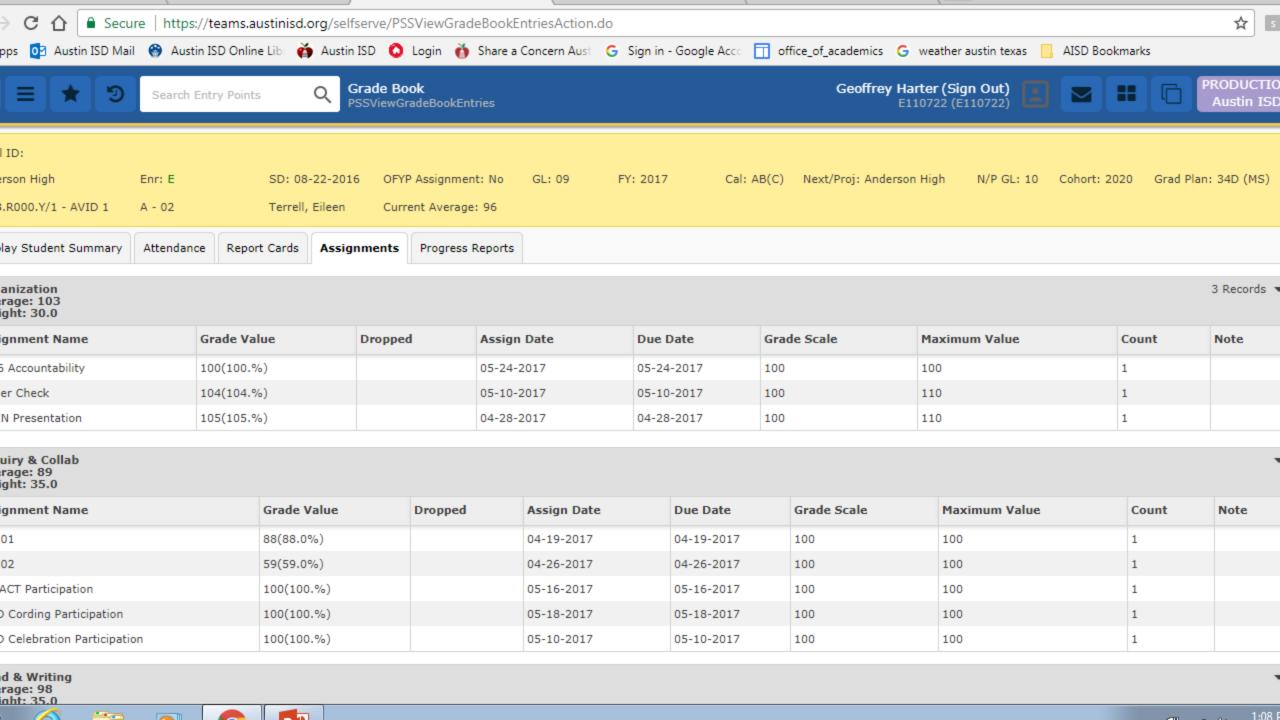


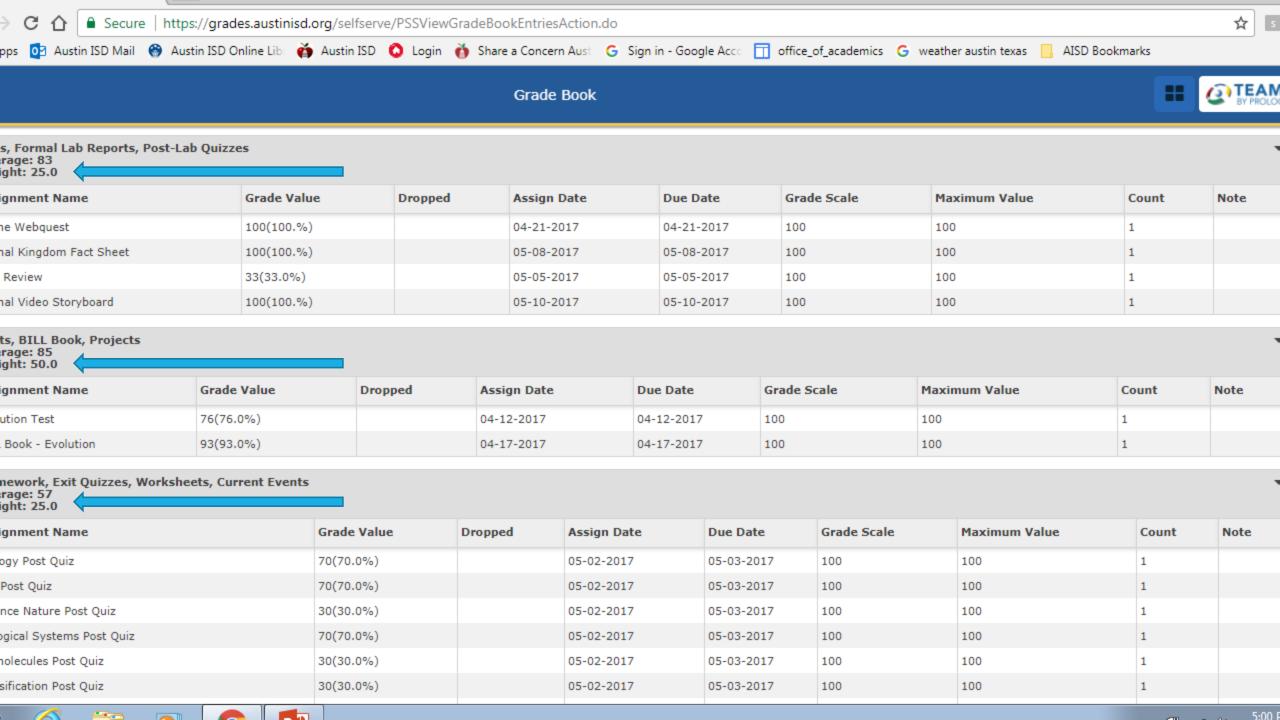
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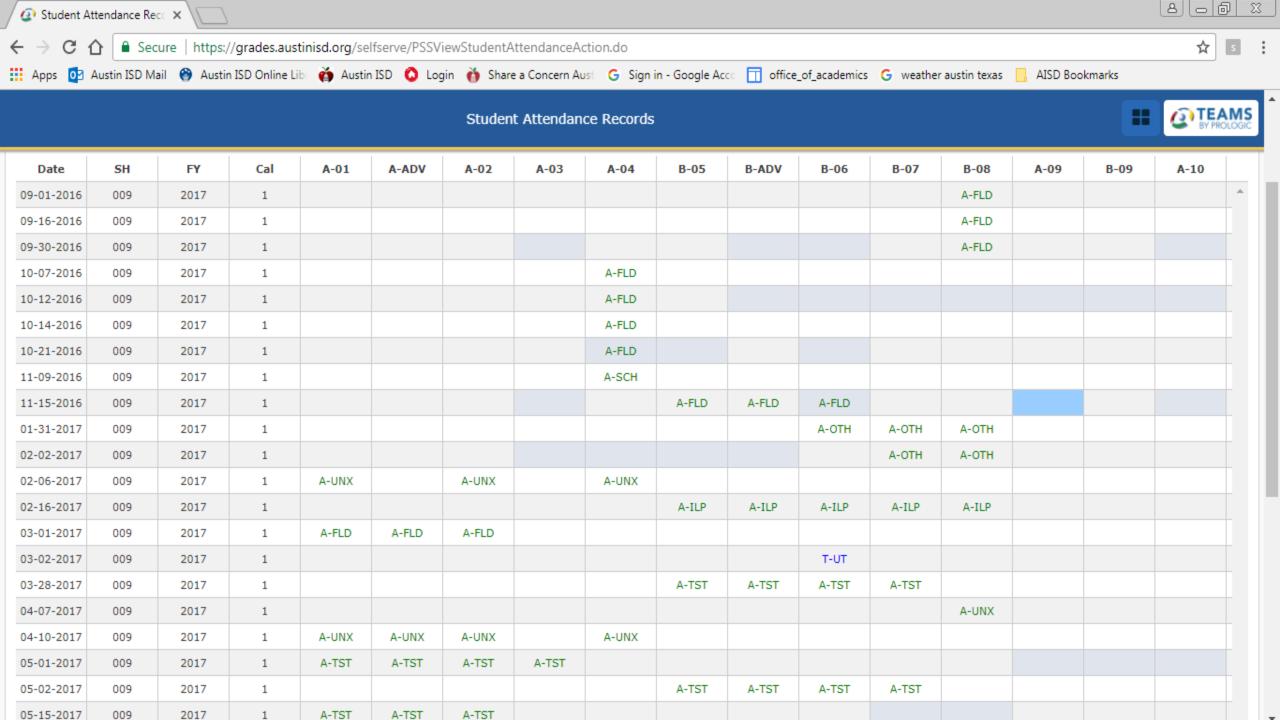
- Official gradebook is in TEAMS (aka Parent Self-Serve).
- •Some teachers may also have some grades in Blend. But they must also have their grades in TEAMS

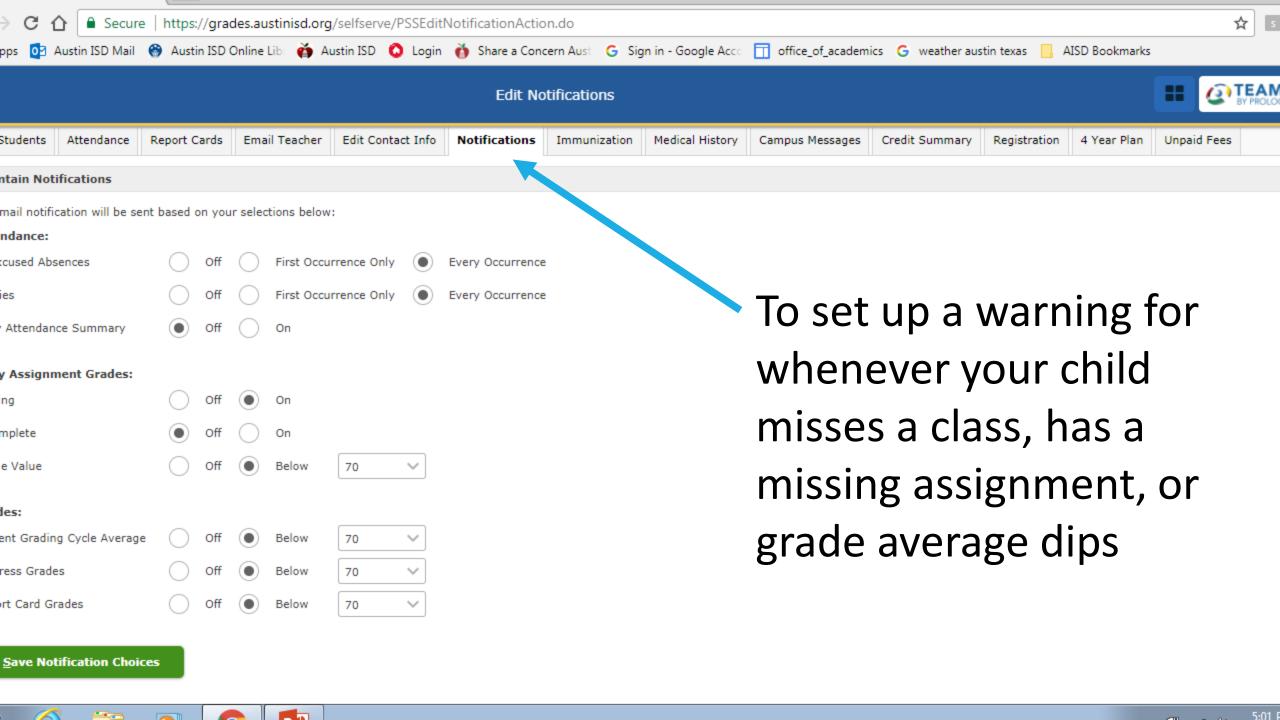


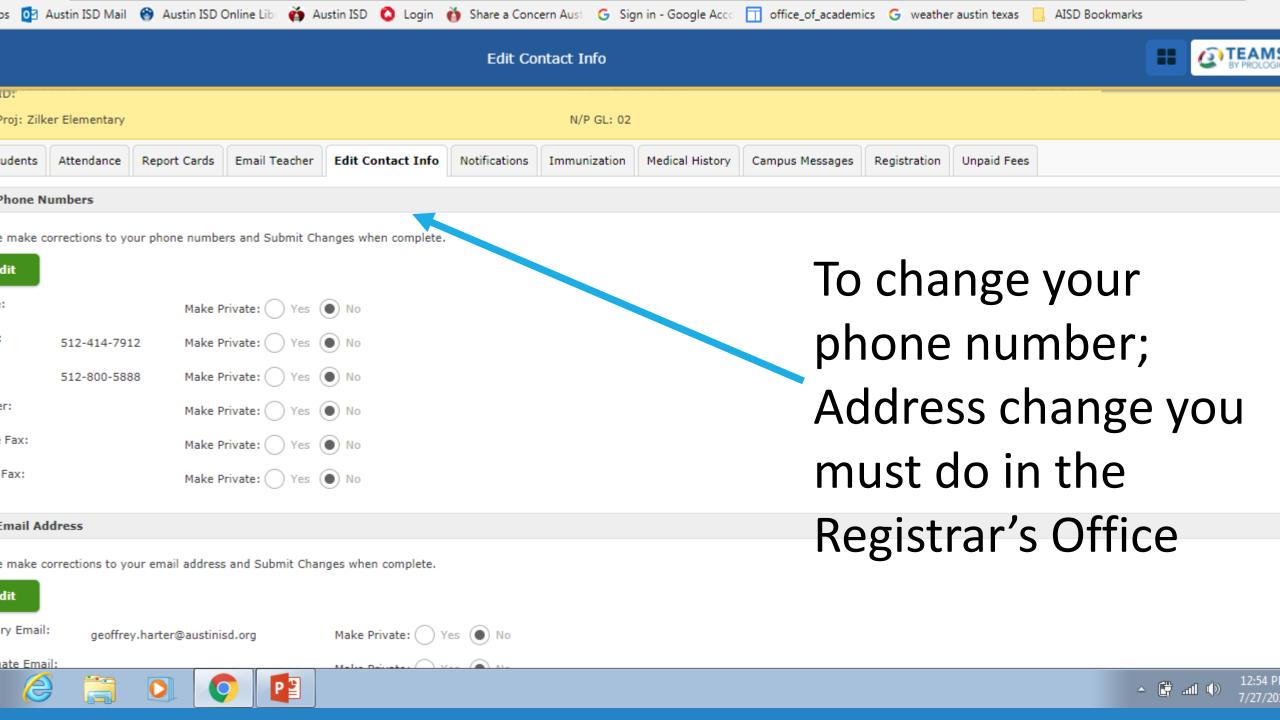
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Attendance Presented by Dorothy Salas

All absence notes from doctor, parent, etc. should be turned into attendance office within 2 days of absence (clarisa.quinonez@austinisd.org). It is fine to email a note to Ms. Quinonez or even to scan a Dr. note and email that to her as well.

You can also send a note before school to let Ms. Quinonez know that you are picking up your child for a Dr. apt. later in the day

Making up student work when absent

- Student should check their Blend account.
- It is student's responsibility to ask for missing work if it isn't in Blend
- If student is absent for 3+ days you can ask Counseling Secretary to ask teachers for missing work (but most work can be found in Blend)

TX' 90% Attendance Rule

- Credit may not be given for a course (even when it has a passing grade) if student's attendance in the course was less than 90%
- Credit is given for AISD courses at end of each semester
- 90% attendance means no more than 3 or 4 absences per course per semester
 - For fall 2018, five or more absences = below 90% attendance
 - This is per course, not per day. It's possible to have 5 absences in 4th period but only 4 absences in 3rd period
- Excused absences that don't count towards this 90% attendance rule (and thus will not result in denied credit) are ...
 - Holy day with parent note turned in explaining the absence is due to holy day
 - Absent to class but on an official school event (such as missed last class of the day as was on school bus traveling to AHS volleyball game vs. another high school)
 - Note from a medical provider for a medical appointment (but keep in mind that a 10am dentist appointment doesn't excuse being absent for the afternoon classes)
 - Of if student missed class but was with another AHS staff member (i.e. spent 2nd period with nurse, counselor, or in ISS for example)

90% Attendance Rule (continued)

- Excused Absences that <u>do</u> count against the 90% attendance rule and thus need to be made up
 - Ill or Sick with note from medical provider
 - This may seem counter-intuititive but only the time going to a medical provider appointment is excused. TX Educ. Agency sets this rule, not AISD.
 - Ill or sick with note from parent
 - Home school suspension
 - Unexcused absence (no parent note turned in and AHS doesn't know where student was that period)
 - Other absenses to class that aren't either an official school trip or a holy day
- So why turn in an absence note if the 90% attendance rule still applies?
 - By turning in the note, parent is confirming they are aware of student's absence
 - If an attendance appeal occurs then AHS has evidence as to whether the student was truant (UNX) vs. student was out sick or another reason parent note cited. This can help with an attendance appeal.

What to do if attendance is less than 90%

- Student should see Mrs. Dorothy Salas in the Registrar's office to receive their pink colored attendance from.
- This form will explain how many hours need to be made up for each course. For every absence beyond the allowed four per semester per course, student needs to make up one hour.
- Student uses this form to have teachers sign off on any tutoring they go to.
- Student can attend Saturday School session(s) to make up hours.
- Students can NOT make up hours prior to being below 90% attendance. (i.e. can't "bank" hours ahead of time because they know they will miss class time later on in the semester.
- February 19 is the deadline to make up hours for Fall Semester 2018 excessive absences.
- Attendance appeal
 - It's mandatory for any class absences resulting in lower than 75% atteandance rate
 - May also be done for those absences between 75% and 90%

What is Blend

- Blend is the middle/high school version of CANVAS
- CANVAS is used by many universities such as UT, Harvard, etc.
- •Blend is sometimes called a learning management system or a very robust interactive teacher's webpage
- •Students and parents have their own seperate Blend accounts
- •Blend has one calendar that can show all courses' deadlines in one location
- Assignments can often times be downloaded from Blend
- Uploading of papers may occur via Blend
- Class notes may be in Blend
- •Etc, etc.

Some grading procedures

"msg" in the gradebook generally indicates that when the teacher entered the grade, student didn't turn it in. At this moment still wants student to turn in the assignment.

"pnd" means the assignment deadline has passed but the teacher hasn't entered in grades yet for that assignment

Math courses have two tests each six weeks

 Students may replace a failing grade on one test by taking the End of Six Weeks exam by coming before/after school during last days of Six Weeks

More Grading Procedures...

Biology

- Notebooks (aka Bill Book in PAP Bio) is a major compentent to Biology class.
 - This organizational piece is equal to one test grade
- Exit Quizzes Students may re-take these by coming to FIT or Tutoring
- Exams Failed exams may be re-taken during the official re-take day
 - One week later are re-take exams in Regular Biology; End of Six Weeks exam for Pre-AP Biology

World Geography

- Blended classes some Geography classes have both Pre-AP & on-level students in same class
- Both groups receive same content instruction. Just Pre-AP assignments are more in depth and require more effort.
- Tests may be re-taken for up to a 70. Pre-AP students may not re-take quizzes.

English

- Papers must be uploaded into Blend to prevent plagiarism
- English novels can be purchased https://www.atxgive.org/ahsbooks2018
- Please let your English teacher know if payment for books is a concern

What is FIT

- Flexible Instructional Time
- Tuesday, Thursdays & Fridays (except when have a special bell schedule)
- Students may choose which FIT sessions they wish to attend
- Students sign up via the FIT/Learn portal in their Student Cloud accounts
- Also teachers may assign a FIT session to students
- Staff are supposed to have the week's FIT sessions loaded by 5pm previous Friday
- Students should read clearly the FIT session title
 - Ex if you teacher teaches both Algebra and Geometry then sign up for the correct day
 - Ex under most circumstances students should sign up with only their teachers' sessions

TIPS for Success in Freshmen Year

Transition from doing the work to focusing on understanding the curriculum

Study vocabulary/class notes several times a week, not just before the test

Use technology

- Student's Blend Account.
 - Calendar feature
 - Class notes
 - Weblinks
 - And much, much more
- Quizlet.com (it's also a phone app)
 - Useful for memorizing vocabulary and other concepts
- KhanAcademy.org
 - It's useful to watch a video lesson over the topic covered in class by teacher

More Tips for Success

Flexible Instructional Time (FIT)

Can be used for quiz re-takes, work on group projects, tutoring, etc.

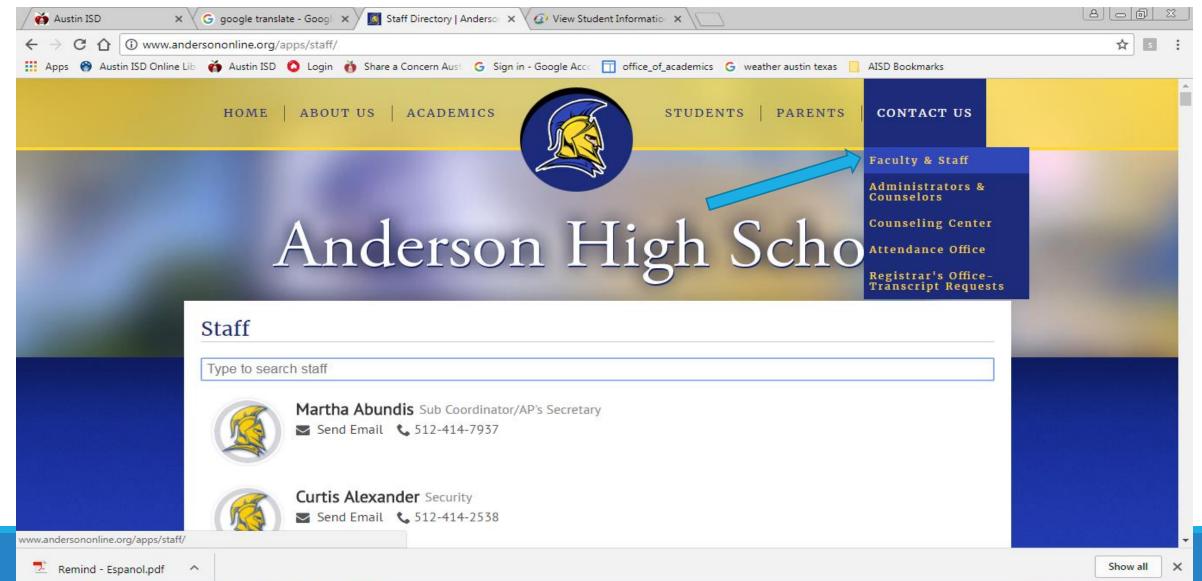
Tutoring

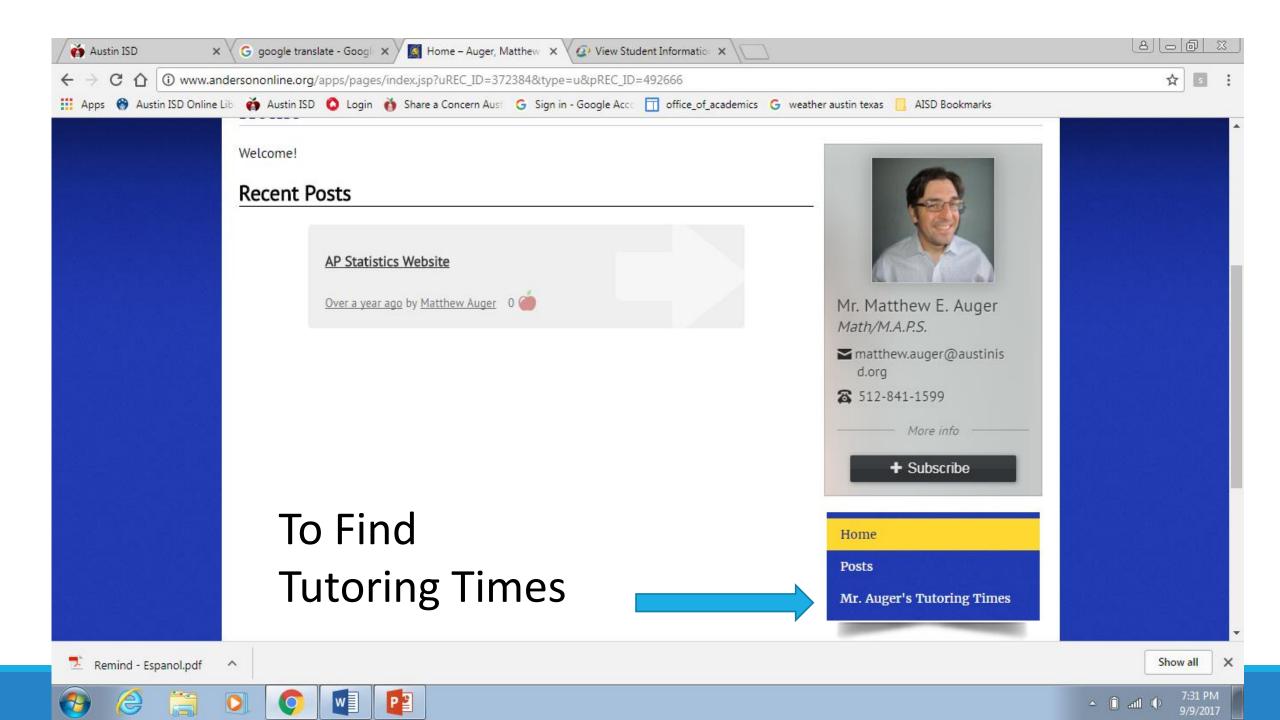
- Teacher's tutoring times are on their webpages
- Anderson Tutorial Center
 - Tue/Wed until 6pm in the library
 - Tue/Wed late bus leaves for ten bus stops north of Anderson
 - There is also a late bus that leaves daily after 6p for East Austin (Ortega & Oak Springs)

Organize your Blend Calendar (can even put in extracurricular events into Blend Calendar)

Studying is a skill that may need to be developed. Success in high school is more than just doing the assignment. It's developing skills to study as exams become a larger portion of grades.

How to find teachers' tutoring times





Anderson Tutoring Center

Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 4:45 to 6p - Anderson Library - Begins on Tuesday Sept 11

Receive tutoring from Anderson teachers

Stay after school in your teacher's classroom for tutoring and/or the Anderson Tutoring Center in the library

Late buses run after tutoring ends at 6pm

Must be in documented school activity from 4:45p until 6pm to be eligible to ride the bus

Example – tutoring in your science teacher's room until 5:15p, then get a pass from math teacher for when you go to library. Be in library from until 5:15 to 6pm and then able to ride tutoring bus.

Teacher Elizabeth Close is the coordinator for the Anderson Tutoring Center in the library & the tutoring buses; elizabeth.close@austinisd.org

Late Bus (Tue & Wed only) These were 2017-18 bus stops

- 6:26 P.M. FLAGSTAFF DR & BALCONES WOODS DR (SW CORNER)
- 6:31 P.M. DAVIS DRIVEWAY @ ANGUS RD (CROSSWALK)
- 6:33 P.M. ALPHEUS AVE & WHISPERING VALLEY (N SIDE AT DRWAY)
- 6:36 P.M. SUMMITT ELEM. MOSLEY LN @ BRIGADOON (CROSSWALK)
- 6:38 P.M. GABLE DR & HAVELOCK DR
- 6:41 P.M. TAMARACK TRL & PALOMAR LN
- 6:48 P.M. BROUGHTON WAY 78727 & CEDAR BRANCH DR 78727
- 6:50 P.M. THORNWILD PASS 78758 & TOMANET TRL 78758
- 6:53 P.M. LAMPLIGHT VILLAGE AVE & METRIC BLVD
- 6:54 P.M. CEDAR BEND DR & RUNNING BIRD LN EASTEND
- 6:57 P.M. BITTERN HOLW 78758 & METRIC BLVD 78758
- 6:59 P.M. ROSETHORN DR & GRACY FARMS LN
- 7:00 P.M. GRACY FARMS LN & STONEHOLLOW DR

Late Activity Bus

It services East Austin (Ortega & Oak Springs Elementary areas)

It's Mon, Tue, Wed, & Thur departing at approx. 6:15p

How are grade averages calculated?

Semester Average is equally comprised of...

- 1st six weeks grade
- 2nd six weeks grade
- 3rd six weeks grade
- Final exam (the last four school days in December are 9a-1:10p)

The Year Long Average is comprised of

- Averaging the fall and spring semesters together
- If a student has a 67 for fall sem of a course then a failing grade and no credit goes on transcript. But if student receives a 73 or higher in spring sem in the same course then the year long average is 70+ and thus receives credit for both semesters

Denied Credit

- Passing average in course but has more than allowed # of absences in the semester
- Student needs to make up their hours via tutoring or Saturday School to earn this credit

Grade Point Average

GPA Points for Rank & Cumulative Weighted

	Regular	Honors/Pre-AP/AP/IB/Dual Credit
100	4.0	5.0
99	3.9	4.9
95	3.5	4.5
90	3.0	4.0
85	2.5	3.5
75	1.5	2.5
73	1.3	2.3
70	1.0	2.0
69 or below	0	0

Grade Point Average

There are three GPA's

- Cumulative Weighted
 - Includes every high school course & is on transcript
- Cumulative Un-weighted
 - Includes every high school course
- Rank GPA (determines class rank for top 10%)
 - 8 highest (GPA points) semester grades in each subject
 - Social Studies
 - English/Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Science
 - 4 highest semester grades in LOTE (Language other than English aka World Languages – aka Foreign Language)

Class Rank

Anderson is a non-ranking HS

But by state law, Anderson HS has to report top 10% ranked students to TX Public Universities

- Top 10% students will have rank sent to these universities
- Top 10% students receive a letter with their rank

No other students will have a rank

Top 10% students receive their rank ...

- Sophomore Year After the end of 10th year in the summer (July)
- Junior Year Within two months after the completion each semester
- Senior Year By February 15 of senior year

Planning for your child's future

Back to School Night – Wednesday September 5 6:25p-8:35p; bring your child's schedule

Anderson Parent Night – Wednesday September 26 6p-8p in the Library

PSAT – all 9th graders will take it on October 10 at AHS

January and early February have several parent events about choosing future years' courses & programs

- Course Fair & choice sheets are passed out
- IB Experience
- Anderson Parent Night
- Dual Credit Night
- Individual advising between counselors & each freshmen

Anderson Course Advisement webpage - http://andersoncounselingcenter.weebly.com/index.html

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Anderson College & Career webpage - http://andersoncollegeandcareercenter.weebly.com/

Planning for the Future - websites

Naviance – All AHS students have a Naviance account where they can explore careers & colleges and also create a resume as well

Log in via AHS website

Texas OnCourse - https://texasoncourse.org/

College Board – <u>collegeboard.com</u>

Student ID's & Laptops

- •Student ID's must be worn at all times at AHS. Lost ID's must be replaced (more info TBD)
- •Students will start to receive ID's via their science classes this week

- •Chromebook Laptops are being issued to freshmen via MAPS classes on Thursday 8/30 & Friday
- Those freshmen NOT in MAPS have a FIT session assigned to them for Friday
- •If you haven't given permission via the Parent Cloud please do so tonight.
 - Once in Parent Cloud ...
 - Do a search (click on magnifying glass) for "Everyone"
 - If it won't work electrnoically then email the librarian for a paper permission form.

Counselors are Here to Assist

- Discuss students career and college goals
- Assist with choosing courses that align with post-secondary goals
- •Give advisement on how to improve in courses
- Assist with peer relationships
- Assist students with emotional distress
- Set up parent/teacher conferences (when conference requires 2+ teachers)
- Advocate for students' best interests.

•For most issues involving counseling, please contact your assigned "alpha" counselor

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REQUEST TO SEE YOUR COUNSELOR CLICKHERE either email me or four this form

If counselor isn't in

office student can

COUNSELING CENTER HOURS

During School Year

The Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:15-4:45. We have an open door policy for students to drop by before school, after school, or during lunches. If your counselor is not available when you stop by, please leave a note so your designated counselor can call you back in the office. Students/parents may email their counselor to set up a meeting appointment.

Contacting Other Staff

Laptop Issues should go to our librarian - shelby.counts@austinisd.org

Attendance – <u>clarisa.quinonez@austinisd.org</u>

Lockers - <u>jesus.molina@austinisd.org</u>

School Bus – discuss with <u>drew.m.nichols@austinisd.org</u>

504 - wilretta.collins@austinisd.org and cc your counselor on the email

Special Education – student's folder teacher or kimberly.ehrlich@austinisd.org

Need a school record/update your address - roberta.estrada@austinisd.org

A sports question –start with the coach of that sport

See you Wednesday September 26 AHS Parent Night 6p-8p in the Library

There will be breakout sessions over the following topics...

- Grades/Blend
- Social/Emotional Learning
- 90% Attendance Rule
- Preparing for College in 9th, 10th, & 11th grade
- PSAT 9th, 10th, & 11th graders take it on Oct 10

Each Session is 30 minutes so you can attend up to four topics