

Stephen F. Austin High School

“Tradition Of Excellence Since 1881”
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Good Morning Maroon Country. This week we begin STAAR EOC testing. The schedule is listed below.

Spring 2023 STAAR EOC Dates

April 18—Eng I; Makeup day 4/21 (Schedule TBD)

April 20—Eng II; Makeup day 4/21 (Schedule TBD)

April 26—Bio/US HIS; Makeup day 4/28 (Schedule TBD)

May 3—Alg I; Makeup day (5/4) (Schedule TBD)

A huge congratulations to our Academy Director Lacy Blakley, she will be moving into her first principalship next week with another district. It has been a pleasure working with her and having her here at Austin HS. We want to thank her for all she has done to support our students and staff members. She will always be part of the Austin High Family.

We want to make sure we provide information to continue communication with Austin HS until this position is filled.

For information about the Academies or the Academy waitlist please contact Academy Coaches Stacy.Webster@austinisd.org and Julie.Acuna@austinisd.org. We will not have any information about the waitlist until late May. We will work our way through the waitlist from May to August.

AHS Dedication Day -Friday May 12, 2023 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

What is Dedication Day?

Held each spring, Dedication Day is observed as an anniversary celebration of the 1976 dedication of the Lakeside Campus. We consider Dedication Day to be the “official birthday” of the school. Distinguished Alumni and Honored Faculty are inducted into the Hall of Honor, AHS alumni Veterans are honored, and select seniors are inducted into the Maroon Society.

The purpose of Dedication Day is to “tie the new school to the old and the past to the present.” When the school was moved to its present lakeside location – in 1975 – students created a movement known as the Hall of Honor Student Steering Committee. The work of the student

committee resulted in an annual observance – Dedication Day, and a reason for an annual observance – The Austin High School Hall of Honor, a roll call of distinguished and meritorious Maroons.

Dedication Day events include an archival display, an honoree induction ceremony, and the Grand Assembly. In the Grand Assembly, more than 200 former students, teachers and community guests join over 2000 students and 200 staff members for the coming together of Austin High past, present and future.

Senior salutes—if we can go ahead and choose those dates before Spring Break

5/24 @ 6pm in Preas ACS

5/25 @ 6pm in PAC AGS

5/22 @ 6pm in PAC ASI

5/23 @ 6pm in PAC ADT

Below is a description of safety drills conducted at Austin High School. These drills are mandatory and reported to the district.



Lockdown

A lockdown drill trains staff and students to stay behind a locked door, shut the lights off, remain seated, remain quiet, and out of sight in case of a threat is inside the school.



Shelter

Shelter drills are used for emergencies such as a hazmat incident or bad weather (such as a tornado) and trains staff and students to seek shelter in a particular area of the building which is deemed safe. In a tornado this would be a portion of the building which is on the lowest floor, away from windows and doors.



Secure (Lockout)

A secure drill is used when there is a threat on the outside of the building. It teaches all staff and students to get inside, lock outside doors and conduct business as usual.



Evacuate

An evacuation drill teaches staff and students to exit the building quickly, safely, and efficiently. In a fire drill, students and staff are directed to go to rally points which are pre-determined and are a safe distance away from the building.



Hold

A hold drill teaches staff and students to remain where they are and continue business as usual. A 'Hold' would usually be called to clear the hallways for a medical emergency, physical altercation etc.

Austin High's Ballet Folklórico will present its Gran Show de Primavera "Bajo la luna" on Friday May 5th at 7pm in the PAC. There will be more than a dozen regions of dance presented and live mariachi performances. Admission is by donation at the door! Don't miss it!



Fentanyl Awareness

Fentanyl continues to be a serious concern in our and surrounding communities... [Here is a link](#) to resources and webinars for educators, administrators, and parents.

Friendly Student Reminders

- All faculty, staff, and students should have visible badges at all times. Students should not be allowed a bathroom pass without their ID.
- No passes out of class during the first and last 15 minutes of the block.
- Only Seniors are allowed to leave campus for lunch.

STAFFING UPDATE:

We will be discussing staffing for the 2023-2024 school year during our CAC meeting. Please review our website for meeting dates.

**Hired-New teacher has been hired and given a start date*

**Recommended-A candidate has been recommended to HR*

**In-Progress-Applications are being screened*

NEW OFFICE LOCATION:

The Main Entrance is now located on the west side of campus. The Main Office and Attendance Office are located directly in front of the new west side Main Entrance (Room 148).

The Health Office was moved back to the 2nd floor next to the Admin. Office.

Please call the main line at 512-414-2505 if you have any questions or concerns.

First Floor Main Office

- Visitors Check-in & Check-out
- Student Attendance Sign-in & Sign-out
- Pick up students
- Attendance Specialist Office

Second Floor Administrative Office

- Principal's Office
- Admin. & Management Assistant's Office
- Bookkeeper's Office
- Registrar's Office
- VOE Request & Pick-up
- Substitute Office
- Health Office