

Stephen F. Austin High School

“Tradition Of Excellence Since 1881”
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



1715 West Cesar Chavez • Austin, Texas 78703-4699 • (512) 414-2505

April 2, 2023

Hello Maroon Family,

I am excited for another week in “Maroon Country”. I know you are aware of the AISD district conservatorship news that was released this weekend. I will be providing updates as information is made available to me. This is not what is taking place in Houston ISD but will provide an opportunity to support students receiving special education services. Thank you for your patience and support.

Congratulations to our UIL Academics Team! Our Current Events Team placed first at Districts!! Max Francisco got 2nd, Cooper Beard got 3rd, Nathaniel Fagelson got 4th, Meyer Hirsch got 5th, and Jake Yopez got 7th!! We will be moving on to Regionals in late April!

A special thank you to Malia Jones, Matthew King, Willie Chuter, and Yuval Tsechansky for being trailblazers in Computer Science. Also, Congratulations to Chris Zimmerly who took 7th in Accounting, Luke Nguyen who placed 4th in Social Studies, Jake Miller who placed 4th in Calculator Apps, and our entire Calculator Apps team who placed 3rd!

A huge thank you to Ms. Kim, Ms. Grabowski, Mr. Atwood, and Mr. Sedlecky for coaching so many students this year, and making all of this possible!

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)

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.

All three of our bands at Austin High achieved Superior ratings at UIL the past two days!



Austin High Sub Non-Varsity Band Received straight division 1 ratings today from the judges

at UIL. We are the only 6A program to do so!



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:

- Biomedical (Recommended)

**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