

High School 101

Welcome to Anderson!



Today's Agenda

- **What are credits and why do they matter for graduation?**
- **Grading scales & GPA (Grade Point Average)**
- **How to help students who are struggling in class**
- **Who can I reach out to at Anderson for assistance?**



What are credits?

A credit is a unit used to measure the successful completion of a high school class.

Generally, a year long class as 1 (one) credit and a semester class as 0.5 (half) credit.



How many credits are needed to graduate?



ENGLISH

4 CREDITS

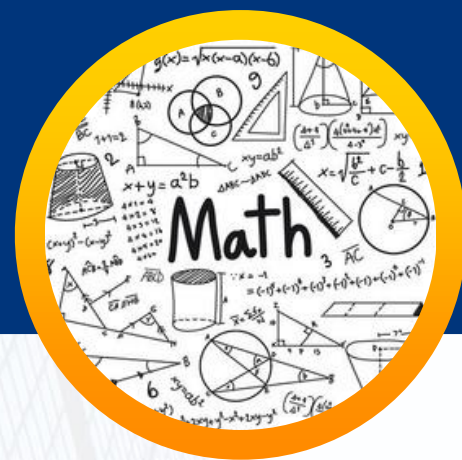
- English I
- English II
- English III
- English IV



SOCIAL STUDIES

4 CREDITS

- World Geography
- World History
- US History
- US Govt/Economics



MATH

4 CREDITS

- Algebra I
- Geometry
- Algebra II
- 4th Math course



SCIENCE

4 CREDITS

- Biology
- IPC, Chemistry, or Physics
- Two more science courses



ELECTIVES

10 CREDITS

- 1 credit Physical Ed
- 2 credits Languages
- 1 credit Fine Arts
- .5 credit Health
- 5.5 credits other Electives

Additional Graduation Requirements

Endorsement Area

Multidisciplinary
Arts & Humanities
Business and Industry
STEM
Public Service

Passing Score on STAAR EOC EXAMS

English I
English II
Algebra I
Biology
US History



Grade Point Average (GPA)

Grade	GPA On Level Course	GPA Honors/Adv, AP, IB, Dual Credit Course
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

Two GPA Calculations



Cumulative GPA

Every course taken for high school credit is used in the calculation
This GPA is reported on student's transcript and to colleges/institutions

Class Rank GPA

Used to determine top 10% (required by the state)
AHS does not rank students beyond top 10%
Calculated using highest 8 semester grades of English, Math, Science, Social Studies & highest 4 semester grades of languages

What Makes for a Successful High School Student?



Consistent Work Completion



Curiosity and Engagement



Good Attendance



A Love of Learning

A Successful High School Student....

**Consistently completes
assigned work....**

What does that mean?



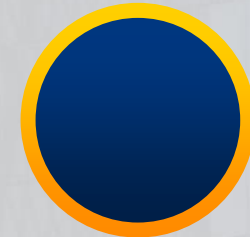
All assignments completed and finished in a high quality manner



A scheduled time to work on homework



Completion of all in-class work during the class period



Assignments turned in on time and in the correct manner

If Work Completion is an Issue....

Consider discussing these topics with your student:



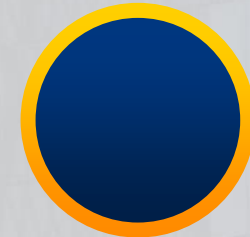
Is the work itself causing you difficulty?



Are you finding you do not have enough time to complete the assignments?



Are the assignments getting to the teacher? If not why not?



**How do you organize your time for homework?
What are you doing **INSTEAD** of the work for the class?**



Attendance

»»» What is Good Attendance?

- Present and on-time for every period, every day, prepared for classwork and enthusiastic to be here!
- If class period or day is missed, follow procedure for excused absences.

»»» If attendance is an issue...

Avoidance or Enticement....

- How can we fix what you want to avoid?
- How can we diminish the enticement?
- Who will hold your student accountable for attendance?
- Don't forget about the 90% rule!

A Successful Student is Curious and Engaged!

- Genuine interest in learning
- Actively participate in class discussion and activities
- Ask for help when needed
- Work well with others in group projects and appreciate diverse perspectives



A LOVE of Learning is Key!

Successful students with a love of learning will find that...

...school is a fun place where they want to be

...there is joy in learning and embracing opportunities to gain knowledge throughout life; formally or personally

...they are receptive to new ideas, perspectives, and experiences

...they seek ways to apply what has been have learned and also share with others; fostering collaboration and growth.



love
LEARNING

How to foster a love of learning...

- **Engagement – Cliche but true!**
- **Exploration of subjects of interest on your own time**
- **Be enthusiastic! Positivity begets more positivity!**
- **Get to know teachers and staff**
- **Use what is learned – it is now YOUR knowledge!**
- **Be patient and supportive.**



Putting it all together...

Regular Attendance, consistent completion of assigned work, timely completion of assignments, filling gaps in knowledge, and fostering a love for learning make for success in high school and are the best way to become college & career ready!



Student Struggles...



Failing Grades

- Is there missing work?
- Are there concepts/subjects student struggles to understand?
- Is there a pattern? i.e. doing well on daily assignments but poorly on exams?
- Reaching out to teachers is the best place to start!



Falling Behind

- Reach out to your teacher!
- Ask questions in person or email
- Reach out to your academic counselor if you need help articulating what to say
- We are all here to help!



Feeling Overwhelmed

- Is it due to workload? There are organizational techniques to help!
- Is it due to class content? Get help from your teacher!
- Is it something personal? Get help from your counselor!

We are here to help!

See our website for contact information – click on
“About Us” or “Contact Us”

www.anderson.austinschools.org

Still have questions? Our Front office staff will be
happy to point you in the right direction! 512-414-7961



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