

COMPLETION/GRADUATION RATE

In accordance with the Student Right-To-Know Act, the six-year completion rate for students who entered Austin College in 2004 on a first-time-in-college and full-time basis was 79.46%.

AC ALERT EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

AC Alert is an emergency notification system provided to all Austin College students, faculty, and staff. It is provided by NTI Connect-ED and is designed to help facilitate emergency communication by voicemail, email, and text messages.

The safety of the students, faculty, and staff at Austin College is very important. For this reason, Austin College has chosen to develop an emergency notification system. This system allows the College to send a message to you quickly by cell phone (including text messaging), landline, and email to alert you to emergency situations at Austin College. The information you provide will only be used in an Austin College emergency situation.

Students are **REQUIRED** to confirm and update if necessary their AC Alert Emergency Notification Information at the beginning of each year or the beginning of the Spring semester if not enrolled in the Fall. If the information is not updated by the 12th class day of the semester, a fine of \$25 per week will be assessed until the record is completed.

The delivery success is only as accurate as the contact information you provide to us. If this information changes throughout the year. Please go to your Webhopper page and click on [AC Alert Emergency Info](#).

CAMPUS SECURITY & PERSONAL SAFETY

The security of members of the College community is of vital concern to the Austin College Administration and especially the Campus Police department. However, students, faculty and staff must actively accept responsibility for doing their part to maintain a safe environment. All members of the College community have a responsibility to themselves and to others to use due care for their safety and to comply with all local, state and federal laws and College regulations for the protection of others.

Failure to take precautions or maintain an awareness of the environment and surroundings may result in increased crimes. Campus Police will continue to develop and implement security measures, but these measures cannot succeed without the personal support of faculty, staff, students and visitors.

The Austin College Police Department is committed to providing quality service and protection to the campus community while working within the framework of its authority and resources.

Officers are responsible for a full range of public safety services including all crime reports, investigations, medical and fire emergencies, traffic accidents, enforcement of laws regulating alcohol, the use of controlled substances, weapons and all other incidents requiring police assistance.

All campus police officers are fully commissioned police officers under the provisions of 51.212 of the Texas Education Code and have the same arrest authority as other law enforcement officers. All officers are graduates of a police academy. They have full law enforcement authorities throughout all property owned and controlled by Austin College.

The department's ability to function as an independent law enforcement agency enables it to provide a sensitive, measured approach to all situations requiring police assistance while still maintaining the authority of the College.

The Campus Police Department maintains a close working relationship with the Sherman Police Department, Grayson County Sheriff's Department, state and federal law enforcement agencies and all appropriate elements of the criminal justice system. Assistance and support from these agencies can be obtained immediately. Crime related reports and statistics are routinely exchanged.

Firearms On-Campus

Texas Penal Code 46.03 forbids the carrying of any type of handgun (concealed or otherwise) on Austin College property at any time.

Austin College regulations allow members of the College community to bring shotguns or rifles on-campus provided they are stored at the Campus Police Office under lock and key. The owner may retrieve the weapon(s) at any time if the owner is taking them off-campus.

Reporting Criminal Activity Or Other Emergencies

Individuals who want to report alleged criminal action or emergencies that occur on-campus may do so by:

- Calling Campus Police at 903.813.2555
- Visiting the Campus Police Office in Jackson Technology Center
- Utilizing the blue emergency telephones located around campus
- Dialing 911 while on-campus
- Requesting assistance from any officer on patrol

Austin College Police Department will dispatch an officer immediately to investigate suspected criminal activity. Responses include, but are not limited to:

- Dispatching one or more officers
- Investigation reports
- Arresting and filing charges, depending upon the circumstances of the offense
- Referring alleged offenders to appropriate campus agencies for action

Offenses occurring off-campus should be reported to the appropriate local law enforcement agency.

Crime Reporting

Efforts are made to advise the campus community about campus crimes and crime related problems on a timely basis. These include the Campus Police Blotter, the College's student newspaper, Special Crime Alerts and, in extreme situations, crime bulletins that are distributed through the campus voice mail system or e-mail system.

Maintenance & Security of Campus Facilities

Campus Police Officers constantly patrol the campus in an effort to assure a high level of physical security. As a regular part of their patrol duties, they look for any safety problems such as defective lighting, inoperative doors or locks, broken sidewalks, steps and handrails and any other condition which might detract from one's personal well being. All such conditions can be reported in writing to the Physical Plant Department or by calling Campus Police at 903.813.2555.

Questions & Answers about Security

Q: Do Campus Police personnel conduct regular foot patrols of the campus?

A: Yes. Campus Police Officers patrol the campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Q: Do residence halls have Campus Police personnel stationed at the entrances on a 24-hour basis?

A: No, but the doors are checked regularly by campus police and doors have special electronic locks that work only with a validated Austin College identification card.

Q: Is a log kept in the residence halls of non-resident guests?

A: No. Non-residents are denied access through the use of electronic locks and therefore must either be accompanied by a resident of the building or granted access permission by the Hall Council of