

Academics



Want a challenge?

Take Math

Ashley may be a small school, but it certainly offers a big variety of math classes in its curriculum. Students can choose anything from general math, for those who just want to study math in a broad perspective, to trigonometry, for the college-bound student who loves math. Students may opt for the challenge of working with and doing proofs on all sorts of shapes in geometry, or they can balance out equations in algebra I, algebra II, or College Algebra.

Although a lot of students tackle these classes, it is the computers class that draws the greatest share of interest. "I loved the feeling of my fingers pressing on the keys while all sorts of great things flashed across the screen," commented German exchange student, Christoph Ulleweit. Computers II offer a great challenge in new technology. They also give students a chance to express creativity in making up their own graphic programs. Joe Schmidt, pictured above, is just one of the many students who take advantage of the amazing things a computer can do.

If you like challenge and excitement, and if you want to do such things as map trails in the woods and dissect cats,

Choose Science

For all those Albert Einstein fans, there is the science field. Those who want just some basic scientific background would probably choose physical science. Those who enjoy studying the human body system and bone formations would go for biology, whereas star-gazing dreamers would flip over astronomy, the study of space and stars. Those who enjoy the outdoor life would love to spend time in the woods as they map trails and measure distances in chains, and those super-ambitious students who are willing to give 100% effort would go nuts in the advanced science classes, chemistry and physics.

These are all popular classes among AHS students, but it is anatomy that really turns a lot of students on. Although dissecting a cat may seem unpleasant, a lot of anatomy students have described the experience of cat dissecting as fun and valuable. Karin Burlingame, pictured to the right, feels that she learned a lot in the class, and had fun doing it.



EACH YEAR THE creative writing class is assigned a poem collage, a poem made up of words and phrases cut out from magazines. Laura Ostrander shows that the assignment isn't a piece of cake as she works to arrange her poem to that "just right" stage.

