Mr. Kyle Austin is the instructor for IB Psychology for the International Baccalaureate program at Sumter High School. He started teaching in 2011 at SHS after he finished his graduate studies. Mr. Austin earned his Bachelor’s degree in History followed by his Master’s Degree in Teaching Social Studies both from the University of South Carolina, Columbia. He is certified to teach Social Studies for both middle level and secondary level education, Biology for secondary level, and has the gifted and talented endorsement.

Mr. Austin also serves as Sumter High School’s advisor for Junior Civitans International, a student club which focuses on community service, and projects for the betterment of the local environment and the high school campus.

Native of Sumter, but a traveler during summers, currently Mr. Austin is spending a month each summer break hiking the Appalachian Trail which stretches from Georgia to Maine. As of 2017, he already completed about 1,400 miles by foot. At home, he is an active gardener, practicing organic gardening, along with growing plants for pollinators such as our native butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.

Mr. Austin’s goal in teaching is to challenge and prepare his Honors and IB students for college. He views the International Baccalaureate program at Sumter High, fed by the Honors program, as an important tool for developing our students into successful adults who are well prepared for their college studies and then beyond their schooling as better world citizens.