



WELCOME TO OLD MILL MIDDLE SCHOOL'S PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

SCHEDULING FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



¡Bienvenidos!

Haga clic en el enlace del chat para
nuestra sesión en español con el Sr.
McGuern y la Sra. Gast.



Outcomes:

- Review required classes and 6th grade course options
- Review 2024-25 course selection procedures
- Ask and answer questions about middle school course request procedures





MEET YOUR COUNSELORS!

There are 4 counselors at Old Mill – one for each grade level and one for AVID students



MRS. GAST - 7TH GRADE



MRS. SAS - 8TH GRADE



MR. WOODS - 6TH GRADE



MRS. BEARD - AVID





MEET OUR ADMINISTRATORS!





PRINCIPAL
MS. CHANDLER



6TH GRADE AND 7TH
GRADE AP, MR. RILEY



7TH GRADE AND 8TH GRADE
AP, MS. HENDERSHOT



PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW!





AVID COORDINATOR

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LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT CHAIR

MR. PAPENBURG

[BPAPENBURG@AACPS.ORG](mailto:bpapenburg@aacps.org)

2024-2025 COURSE SELECTION:

A 2-STEP PROCESS

Google Form

- Completed in class
- Record of 6th grade class choices
- *Not* your final selections

PowerSchool Student Portal

- Review core course placements
- Enter your final course requests
- Due by February 2nd





REQUIRED 6TH GRADE CLASSES

Core Classes

- Math
 - Math 6 or Math 6/7
- Language Arts
- Science
- Social Studies

Encore Classes

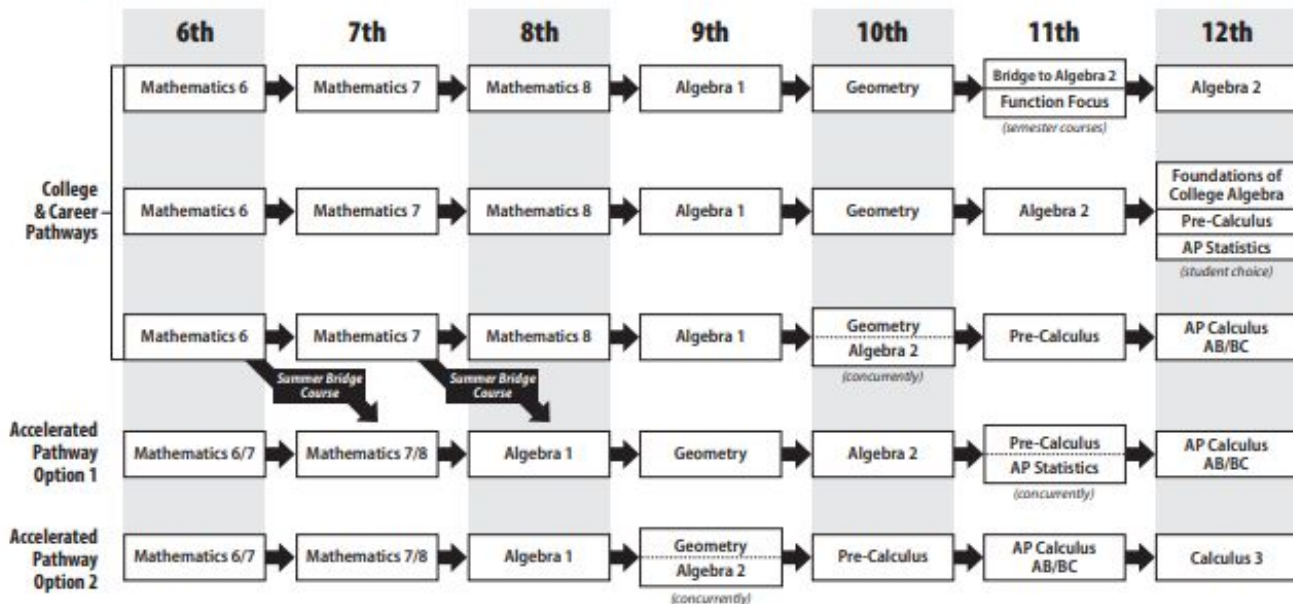
- Physical Education
 - 3 quarters
- Health
 - 1 quarter
- At least 1 fine art class

MATH PATHWAYS

*NOTE: SOME HIGH SCHOOLS PLACE ALL STUDENTS IN GEOMETRY IN 9TH GRADE

AACPS Possible Math Course Pathways (Other sequences are possible based on student needs)

Other mathematics elective courses are available.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT MRS. JOHNSTON (MATH DC) AT RMJOHNSTON@AACPS.ORG

WORLD & CLASSICAL LANGUAGE

Middle school students earn 1 **high school credit** by successfully completing the 1A & 1B level of a world language

You have the *option* to begin a world language in 6th grade:

French 1A
or
Spanish 1A

LANGUAGE PATHWAYS

EXAMPLE 1: NON-AVID/NON-STEM/BEGIN LANGUAGE IN 6TH GRADE

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 6TH GRADE | SPANISH 1A |
| 7TH GRADE | SPANISH 1B |
| 8TH GRADE | SPANISH 2 (DAILY) |
| 2 FULL HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS | |

EXAMPLE 2: AVID/STEM/NO LANGUAGE IN 6TH GRADE

| | |
|---|-------------|
| 6TH GRADE | NO LANGUAGE |
| 7TH GRADE | SPANISH 1A |
| 8TH GRADE | SPANISH 1B |
| 1 FULL HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT; BEGIN SPANISH 2 IN 9TH GRADE | |

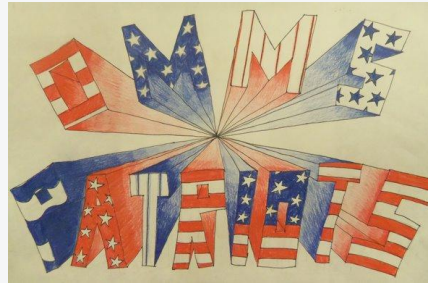
ENCORE CLASSES: FINE ARTS

Full Year

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus
- Dance
- Dance for Athletes

Semester

- True Colors
- Music Goes Global
- Digital Palette
- Project Runway



All students must
take 1 fine arts
class per year

ADDITIONAL ENCORE CLASSES

All remaining encore classes are 1 semester

- Gateway to Technology
- Exploring FACS 6
- Mission to the Stars



PROGRAM OF CHOICE: STEM

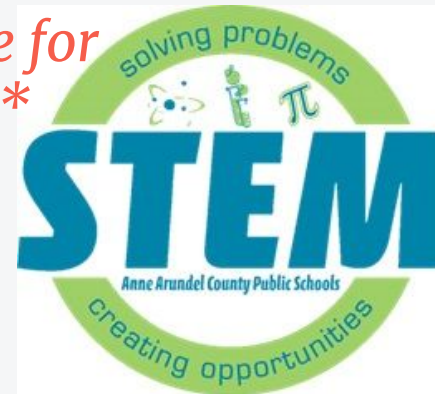
OMMS is a STEM school

100 STEM students per grade

*Even if you are not in STEM, OMMS infuses many
STEM concepts into curriculum*

Show us how innovative you can be!

**A separate registration event will take place for
students accepted into the STEM program**



PROGRAM OF CHOICE: AVID

ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION



So what is AVID?

- AVID is a national program for kids who want to go to **college** and want to be successful in school.
- AVID is a program to help you learn strategies to **get good grades**
- You can't just sign up for AVID, you have to **apply and interview**. You also have to meet certain requirements to stay in.
- AVID is a class you take **during the school day**.

Questions?
Contact
Mrs. Warrington at
jwarrington@aacps.org



What to look forward to:

- Classwork help
- Games
- Organizational Skills
- Guest Speakers
- Team Building
- Virtual field trips

VIEWING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN POWERSCHOOL

Available
1/26!

Click on the PowerSchool Student Portal app
from the ClassLink home page



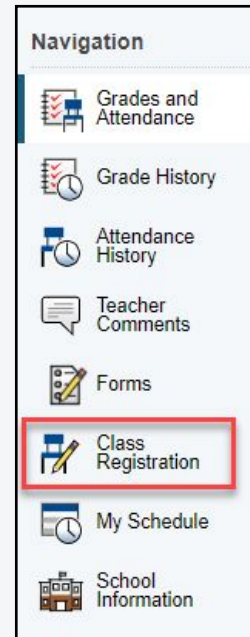
Sign in using your AACPS username and
password. (Username: student ID number
Password: your current password) *Note – the
username is your 6 digit student ID number
without “@aacps.org”

The image shows the PowerSchool Student and Parent Sign In page. The page has a dark blue header with the PowerSchool logo. Below the header, the text 'Student and Parent Sign In' is displayed. There are two buttons: 'Sign In' and 'Create Account'. Below these buttons are two input fields: 'Username' and 'Password'. A link 'Forgot Username or Password?' is located below the password field. A 'Sign In' button is located at the bottom right of the form. At the bottom of the page, there is a note: '2nd Marking Period grades are not considered final until Report Cards go home on Monday, February 10, 2020.'

VIEWING YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN POWERSCHOOL

Click on Class Registration on the left side of the screen

You will be able to see your teachers' recommendations populated for ELA, SS, Sci, Math, and PE.



ENTERING YOUR REQUESTS IN POWERSCHOOL

Click on **Pencil button** on the right side of the screen next to each subject area for available course offerings.



If your child would like to take a World Language course, select their top choice.

Click **“okay”**.

WORLD LANGUAGE
Click the edit button to request a course ➡

All students take a World Language. Please select one.

| World Languages | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| All students take a World Language unless scheduled for a support cla | | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course Name | Number | Course Description | Credits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | French 1A | E09030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | French 1B | E10030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spanish 1A | E59030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Spanish 1B | E60030 | | 0.5 |

ENTERING YOUR REQUESTS IN POWERSCHOOL

Selecting Fine Arts Encore

Students must select at least 1 fine arts class.

Click “okay”

Selecting Encores

Courses appear in alphabetical order by course name. If there is a “2” at the bottom, please make sure to click to the next page to see the remaining courses.

Click “okay”

FINE ARTS Click the edit button to request a course ➡

All students must take at least one fine arts class.

Please choose one from this section.

Number of requests to generate : 1

ENCORES Click the edit button to request a course ➡

Encores run on an A/B day rotation. Students must take at least one Fine Arts class. You must choose either two full year courses or four semester courses.

| | Course Name | Number | Course Description | Credits |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Band 3 | F72030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chorus Mixed III | F22030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dance 8 | L88030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Digital Palette 7 S1 | G29010 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Gateway to Tech 8 S1 | M08032 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Guitar 8 S1 | F11010 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Healthy Living 8 S1 | H08010 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Mission to the Stars 8 S1 | C18010 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Money 8 S1 | H88010 | | 0.25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Orchestra 3 | F32030 | | 0.5 |

ENTERING YOUR REQUESTS IN POWERSCHOOL

Select 2 Alternates. **Please choose different Encores from your choices above.**

Click “okay”

Leave “Additional Requests” blank.

ALTERNATES

Click the edit button to request a course →

Please select either one full year course or two semester courses as back up encore classes.

Number of requests to generate : 1



| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Course Name | Number | Course Description | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Band 3 | F72030 | | 0.5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chorus Mixed III | F22030 | | 0.5 |
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ENTERING YOUR REQUESTS IN POWERSCHOOL

Check your total at the bottom. It must say **Requesting 6.0 credit hours** for you to be able to submit.

Requires between 4 and 7 credit hours.
Requesting **6** credit hours.
Requesting **0** additional credit hours.

Click the Submit button

You may print a copy of your course requests for your records.

Submit

RESOURCES

★ AACPS Middle School Program of Study
(Coming Soon)

Course Requests are
DUE
in PowerSchool by
Friday,
February 2nd!





QUESTIONS?

Raise your hand or type your questions in the chat.
For student-specific questions, please complete the [Google Form](#) in the chat box.