

# WELCOME TO AFMS CLASS OF 2026

Math Teacher: Open Up, Power Schools & Smart Block

Science Teacher: BYOD & Bell Schedule, Supply List

Language Arts Teacher: EL Curriculum, PBIS & Locks

Social Studies Teacher: Behavior Cards, Grading,

Arrival/Dismissal



## A little about me.

- I've been teaching for 21 years.
- I've been married for 39 years; I have 4 boys ranging from 28 - 38 and 2 granddaughters 11 and 14 years of age.
- Hobbies are walking, going to the gym and playing pool.
- Anyone interested in playing pool on a team see me after class.

# MATH Open Up Curriculum

The curriculum is designed to foster excitement about—and deep understanding of—math. Students participate in hands-on activities, in order to help them understand math conceptually; for example, they study equivalent ratios by mixing colored water solutions to understand why doubling and tripling produces the same shade of solution as the original. Students love these lessons, and the approach helps them apply math to real-world scenarios.

Students also participate in many collaborative activities – problem-solving in pairs or teams – in order to help them express their math thinking and learn from their peers. Middle school kids love to talk, and we find that it helps to push their thinking, while also developing students' communication and collaboration skills.

**Know your child's  
progress at ALL times**

# POWERSCHOOLS 101

**Teachers are expected to  
update grades weekly.**



# APEX FRIENDSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Uncovering Brilliance by Growing Hearts and Minds*

Shejuanna Rodgers, Principal

Main Office: 919-694-8960

School Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOME

OUR SCHOOL

ATHLETICS

PARENTS



## Home Base Information

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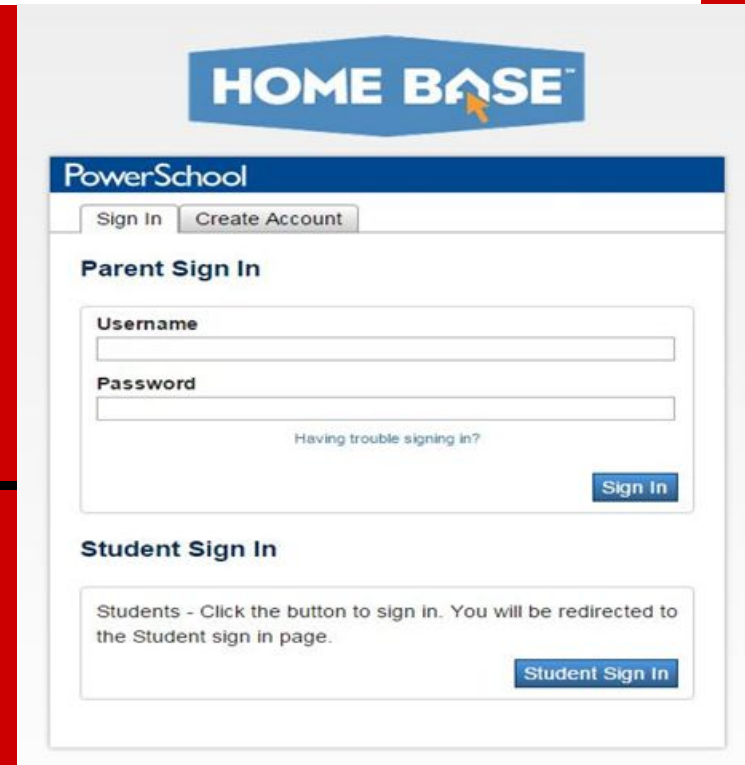
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### About Home Base

Home Base is a statewide student information system that replaced NCWISE and SPAN starting in the 2013-14 school year. Home Base gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades and assignments. With Home Base, powered by Pearson's PowerSchool application, everyone stays connected: Students stay on top of assignments, parents are able to participate in their child's progress, and teachers can instantly share information from their gradebook with parents and students. Families with multiple students can also set up their accounts to view all of their students at one time, with one login.

# Power Schools Sign Up

- Sign up for Power School TODAY in the Media Center!
  - Your student will have a different login from you!
  - FYI...teachers can see how often you and your student log into PowerSchools!
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- Grades are updated instantaneously!
  - Students will register for classes and can see future schedules over summer break!



The screenshot shows the 'HOME BASE' logo at the top, with a mouse cursor pointing to the 'B' in 'BASE'. Below the logo is the 'PowerSchool' header. Underneath the header are two buttons: 'Sign In' and 'Create Account'. The page is divided into two main sections: 'Parent Sign In' and 'Student Sign In'. The 'Parent Sign In' section contains a 'Username' field, a 'Password' field, a link for 'Having trouble signing in?', and a 'Sign In' button. The 'Student Sign In' section contains a text instruction: 'Students - Click the button to sign in. You will be redirected to the Student sign in page.' and a 'Student Sign In' button.

# Power Schools Navigation

• Along the left side of the screen you will see the different categories of information that you can monitor to ensure the success of your student!

Do not worry if all of these options are not available, WCPSS may not be using all these features

• This screen shot shows the “Grades & Attendance” Tab.

• “Grade History” will show past quarters /semesters.

• “Attendance History” will show weekly, monthly, and yearly attendance.

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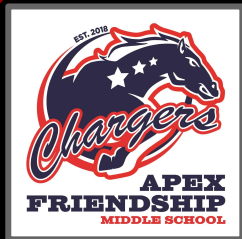
# Multiple students in Power Schools

• You can have a single login if you have multiple students at AFMS or at other Wake County Schools. This is what your PowerSchools screen may look like. The office can give you specific directions about the setting up of multiple students in PowerSchools!

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool web interface. At the top, it says "PowerSchool" and "Welcome, Kellie Christensen | Help | S". Below this is a navigation bar with tabs for "Jared", "Kathryn", and "Lacy". The main content area is titled "Grades and Attendance: Christensen, Kathryn D". There are two tabs: "Grades and Attendance" (selected) and "Standards Grades". On the left is a "Navigation" sidebar with icons for "Grades and Attendance", "Grade History", "Attendance History", "Email Notification", "Teacher Comments", and "School Bulletin". The main content area displays an "Attendance By Class" table.

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# Smart Block

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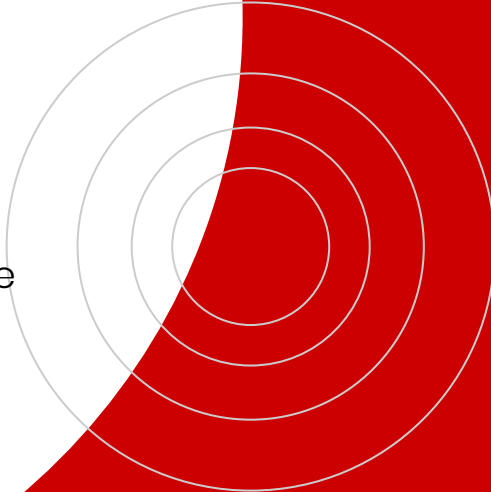




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# What is Smart Block?

A block of time in which students are offered the opportunity to improve and enrich skills needed to show growth and be successful in all classes.



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## **When is Smart Block and who attends?**

Smart Block will be offered each day after Core 1 from 9:22 - 9:52 a.m. All students will attend a Smart Block session.

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## Where do students go during Smart Block?


It will be different each day for each student. A teacher may **require** a student to attend a session, while, at other times, a student will be able **to choose** which session he/she would like to attend.



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## **How will a student know if they have been required to attend a teacher's session?**

If a teacher requires a student's attendance in their Smart Block session, he/she will STAMP their name in the student's agenda on the day they are needed.

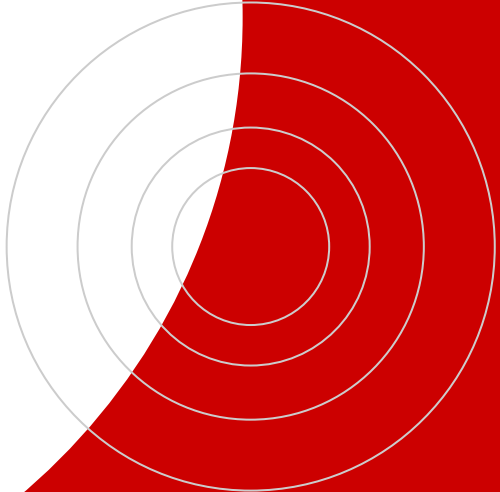




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## **What Smart Block sessions are being offered for students who are not pre-stamped?**

There are many different options for students who have not been previously stamped by a teacher. Let's take a look at some of the options...



# Common Areas for Smart Block

## Auditorium

SSR: Sustained Silent Reading

## Cafeteria

Study and Homework Hall

## Media Center

Circulation, computer research and working on assignments that need to be typed. This will be only open to one grade level each day.

## Gym

Organized athletic events; must have PE attire. This will be only open to one grade level each day.

Students remain in their Smart Block session for the full 30 minutes.

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# Priority Days

**Monday:** Advisory Day (SEL)

**Tuesday:** Core 1 and CTE

**Wednesday:** Core 2 and Arts/World Languages

**Thursday:** Core 3 and Health/PE

**Friday:** Core 4 and AIG



# Plan Ahead

- Teachers will have their Smart Block schedule posted outside of their doorway each Friday. This schedule will show students what is being offered for the following week.
- There is an Elective Master Schedule. Students will need to review it to make sure a particular class option is available.
- Students should make a plan for where he/she may want or need to go before leaving 1<sup>st</sup> Core.
- Students should know what sessions are Opened/Closed or have a maximum # for the day.



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## What should students bring to Smart Block?

Students will need to bring the materials requested by the session of the teacher they are attending. It is also mandatory that students carry an **agenda** with them at all times.

# Stamping

Agendas will be stamped at each SMART Block and checked by the 2nd core teacher. If a teacher stamps a student's agenda, he/she is **expected** to be in their classroom for that day. Once the student attends the teacher's priority session, the teacher will double stamp next to the original stamp after the student attends.



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## **What are expectations for students during Smart Block?**

Students should move quickly and quietly to their Smart Block session. Teachers will be supervising and available to assist any students who need help or questions answered. Students will need to show excellence in all they do!

