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.
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
Ms. Warrington
jwarrington@aacps.org

Language Arts Department Chair
Mr. Papenburg
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

Questions? Contact Mrs. Johnston (Math DC) at rmjohnston@aacps.org

*Note: Some high schools place all students in Geometry in 9th grade
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

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2 full high school credits

### Example 2: AVID/STEM/No language in 6th grade

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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*
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

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

Click “okay”

Leave “Additional Requests” blank.
Check your total at the bottom. It must say **Requesting 6.0 credit hours** for you to be able to submit.

**Click the Submit button**

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