



Apex Friendship High School




New Parent Orientation



APEX FRIENDSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

Less than a year after the end of the Civil War, recently emancipated slaves found a place where they could meet, hold religious services, and ultimately build a community alongside white merchants and farmers. Soon after, Native Americans too settled among this area's inhabitants. Ultimately, in recognition of the unique cooperative spirit that made their lives possible, community leaders agreed to call their settlement Friendship, and this is where Apex Friendship High School stands today.

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People to Know - Administration

Matt Wight- Principal

Tony Wilson- Assistant Principal - A-Co

Noland Hicks- Assistant Principal - Cr-He

Will Kasapidis- Assistant Principal - Hi-Mc

Vanessa Harris- Assistant Principal - Me-R

Clare Freed- Assistant Principal - S-Z



Student Services Staff

Kari Kite- Dean of Students

Quzette Butler - Counselor - A-Co

Gretchen Krueger - Counselor - Cr-He

Ashley Wilson - Counselor - Hi-MC

Jennifer Conley - Counselor - Me- R

Billy Lane- Counselor - S-Z

Steve Sapienza - SAP

Linda Colhoun- Registrar



How to make an appointment with a counselor

Students can make an appointment online:

<https://www.wcpss.net/Page/36544>

If a student has an emergency, they can come to student services with their teachers permission.

Parents can email the counselor to make an appointment. Please do not make appointments online as these are 15 minute appointments and parents typically need more time.

Bell Schedule

Period	Start Time	End Time	Total Time
1 st	7:25	8:50	85
2 nd	8:56	10:21	85
Lunch	10:21	11:16	55
3 rd	11:22	12:47	85
4 th	12:53	2:18	85

Homeroom

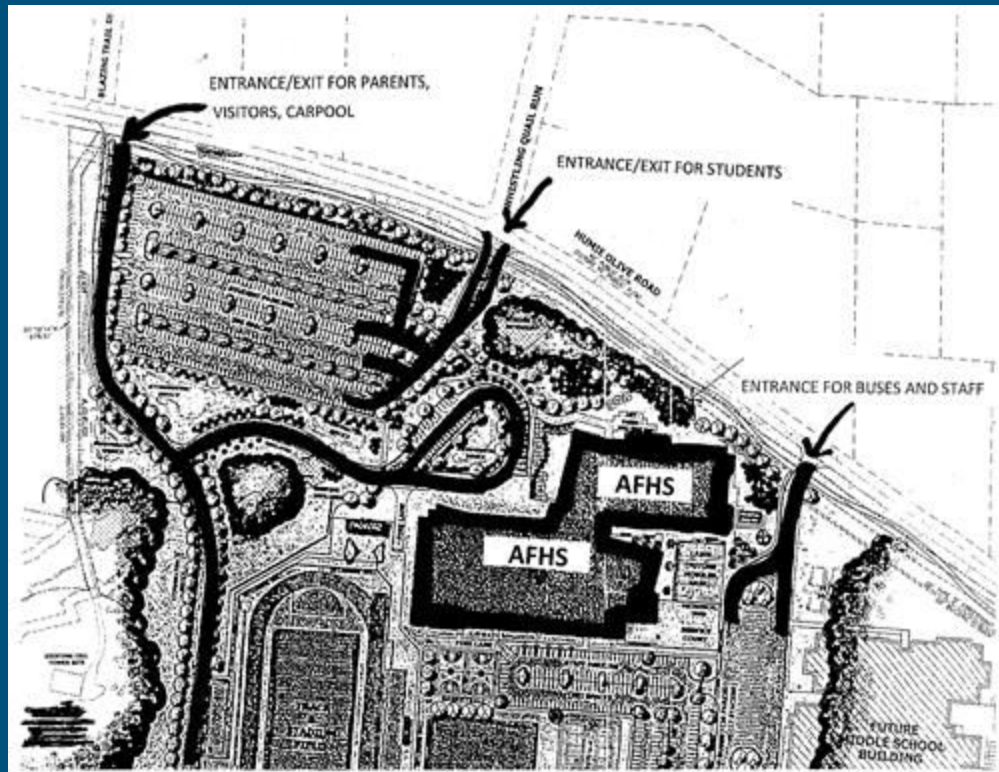
- Homeroom occurs once a week
- Mondays between 1st and 2nd period.
- Information is distributed during homeroom.
- Students are assigned the same homeroom teacher for all four years
- Homeroom teachers read names at graduation
- Homeroom attendance is required!

Student Drop off / Walkers

- The building opens for students at 6:45 am.
- Students should be dropped off at the front of the school.
- Prepare for the traffic around the school and the carpool line to take approximately 20 minutes after 7 am.
- Walkers should make sure to use crosswalks and sidewalks and look both ways before crossing the road. It is very dark at the start of the school day during the school year. Students should be vigilant about their safety!

Student Drivers

- Juniors and Seniors can purchase a parking pass
- Seniors have priority, Juniors must enter a lottery.
- Students cannot park on campus without a parking pass
- All accidents in the student parking lot are handled by the School Resource officer.
- Students should not leave valuables visible in their car, and are expected to keep their car locked at all times.
- Reckless driving can result in the loss of parking pass.



Tardy Policy

- Students will **not** be admitted into class after the bell rings without a pass.
- Students who are tardy must report to a tardy station, located on the first floor, where they will receive a pass to class.
- Students will be assigned consequences on the spot;
- Tardies “reset” after nine weeks

Tardy #	Consequence
1-4	Warning
5-9	Lunch detention (no off-campus lunch)
10+	ISS 1 day+ admin intervention

Excused Tardies

- In order for a tardy to be considered excused a student must have a note from a doctor, or a note from a parent with an approved excuse
- Individual automobile equipment failures, oversleeping, alarm not going off, and missing the bus are not considered a reason for excused tardies.
- Students arriving late to school on a school bus is an excused tardy.

Absences

- In order for an Absence to be considered Excused, a note must be provided within two days of the students return to school. You can also use the [Absence Report Form](#) from our website.
- Attendance is taken in every class. If your student misses more than ½ of a class, they are considered absent from that class.
- Notes should be dropped off at the attendance window. They should not be given to teachers.
- Students should communicate with teachers via email when they are absent and check the teacher's websites for missed work.
- Absences due to an educational opportunity can be excused if they are applied for and approved prior to the absence using the [Request for Excused Absence for Educational opportunity from.](#)

Checking In/Out

- If parents provide the student with a note, parents do not need to come in to check their student in and out.
- If students need to be checked out early and they have a note, they can go to the attendance window prior to first period to get a note to leave early.
- Students cannot be checked out after 2 pm.
- If parents need to come into the school during the school day, they must come in through the front office. All other doors to the school will be locked once first period begins.

Exam Schedules

- Students do not necessarily need to come to school everyday during exams.
- Students only come to school during Exam week if they have an exam scheduled.
- Students cannot be checked out early during exam week.
- Seniors with less than 3 absences (excused and unexcused) may be exempt from their final exam if the exam is teacher made. This is dependent on their grade in the class.
 - A in the class and 3 or less absences
 - B in the class and 2 or less absences
 - C in the class and no more than 1 absence.
 - 3 Tardies = 1 absence in a class

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STAR lunch:

Service

Teamwork

Achievement

Relationships

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Purpose of STAR lunch:

- Increase student achievement
- Maximize students' and teachers' time
- Create choices for students
- Develop students' time management and decision making skills
- Build relationships
- 9th grade students will be required to make a STAR lunch plan with their homeroom teachers every Monday.

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Examples of STAR lunch scenarios:

- Eat A lunch and attend B Star lunch session
- Attend A Star lunch session and eat B lunch
- Eat A or B and utilize the Media Center for study hall
- Eat A or B and attend club meetings
- Eat A or B and participate in open gym

What you cannot do is sit in the cafeteria for 55 minutes!!!

STAR - Service, Teamwork, Achievement and Relationships

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>A Lunch</u>	<u>A Lunch</u>	<u>A Lunch</u>	<u>A Lunch</u>	<u>A Lunch</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Fine Arts ★ Math ★ Special Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Social Studies ★ World Languages/ESL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ English ★ Math 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ English ★ Social Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Fine Arts ★ Social Studies ★ Special Education
<u>B Lunch</u>	<u>B Lunch</u>	<u>B Lunch</u>	<u>B Lunch</u>	<u>B Lunch</u>
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Off Campus Lunch pass

- With Parent permission, Juniors and Seniors can purchase an off campus lunch pass for \$5
- Lunch is from 10:21 - 11:16 on most days. Homeroom schedule is 10:29-11:24.
- Students must be mindful of the time and be in class by the start of 3rd period, otherwise a tardy will be incurred.
- Excessive tardies and/or reckless driving can result in a loss of off-campus lunch privileges

Extracurricular Activities - Athletics

Athletics at AFHS:

- Fall sports:

- Cheer (fall/winter)
- Cross country
- Golf (women's)
- Football
- Soccer (men's)
- Tennis (women's)
- Volleyball
- Gymnastics

Winter sports:

- Basketball (men's and women's)
- Indoor track (men's and women's)
- Swimming (men's and women's)
- Wrestling

Spring sports:

- Baseball
- Golf (men's)
- Lacrosse(M/W)
- Soccer (women's)
- Softball
- Tennis (men's)
- Track and Field (M/W)

Athletic Requirements

- All Freshman are eligible for fall sports, however, for each season thereafter, students must meet the following criteria:
 - 85% Attendance in the previous semester
 - Must pass 3 out of 4 courses in the previous semester
 - Must be promoted at the end of the school year
 - Must maintain an overall GPA of 1.5
 - Cannot be convicted of a felony

Extracurricular activities - Clubs

- Clubs meet during lunch and after school
- Please encourage your student to participate in Extracurricular activities. Students that participate in an extracurricular activity perform better academically, miss less school, and are more likely to continue their education beyond high school.
- Extracurricular activities are also important for college applications and scholarship opportunities.
- Remember that quality is more important than quantity. Students should find something they enjoy and stick with it.

Drivers Education

- Drivers Education is contracted out to Jordan Driving School.
- Jordan Driving School does take place on our campus, but is not run by AFHS.
- NC requires 30 hours of classroom instruction, and 6 hours of behind the wheel training.
- Students must be 14 ½ years old at the time of the class to participate.
- More information can be found at on [Jordan Driving's website](#)

School Nurse

- AFHS has a school nurse on campus two days per week.
- School nurses in WC are to provide support for students with medical plans.
- School nurses cannot diagnose illness or provide students with medication.
- In order to have medication here at school for your student we will need to have the 1702 medication form filled out by the students physician. The medication and the 1702 form must match.
- If students are sick at school, they need to call a parent to go home.
- Per WCPSS policy, schools can only provide bandaids, water, and ice.
- Additional information about Health plans and school nurses can be found [here](#)
- Specific questions about your child should be directed to the school nurse:
 - Christy.DeBerry@wakegov.com
 - Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
 - She will be here on August 23rd from 7 am - 3pm - **Please drop of Medications this day!!**

Powerschool for Students and Parents

- Powerschool provides students and parents with schedules, grades, and attendance.
- All students are given a Powerschool account.
- Parents can request an account by first filling out an access request form.
- Forms can be picked up in the front office or student services and must be dropped off in person by the parent, or notarized.
- Login information is emailed to parents.
- Powerschools is an important tool for parents to help your student be successful in high school.

Communication

- School website
 - Banner
 - Time Sensitive News
 - Morning announcements
- Twitter
 - Official handle @Apexfriendship
 - Announcements @AFHSAnnounce
 - Other Twitter handles can be found [here](#)
- Principal's phone messages
- Teacher websites
- Email - [Staff Directory](#)

PTSA

- Please join our PTSA
- [PTSA Website](#)
- Patriot Post

How to help your child

1. Know your child's schedule.
2. Sign up for teacher communication tools.
3. Log in to powerschool.
4. Follow school twitter accounts.
5. Communicate multiple day absences.
6. Communicate concerns.
7. Monitor social media sites.
8. Empower your child to speak for themselves.
9. Talk to your child about their day.
10. Attend school events.