

Advisory at Afya

My advisors: _____

Every student at Afya is matched with an Afya teacher who serves as his/her advisor for the year. This advisor is the main point of contact to the school for families. Advisors make regular contact with families for many different reasons. They check in when students have been absent and communicate other important school information.

At Afya, advisory is a “home base”. It’s the time & place where students learn how to treat each other, adjust to school, succeed academically, and build community. Students check-in and check-out with their advisors each day. During check in, for example, advisors help students prepare to start the day off in the right way—make sure they have homework, binders, books, pens, & pencils. During check out, students might end their day by giving “shout outs” to fellow advisory members.

In addition to the daily check in and check out, students meet once a week for an extended advisory session of 45-60 minutes. Through advisory, Afya students have the opportunity to demonstrate leadership and develop an important sense of belonging. During the beginning of the year, our sixth grade orientation (schedules, maps, expectations & school rules) takes place in advisory. Advisories also spent a lot of time getting to know each other, developing a sense of camaraderie and teamwork. Our school-wide behavior plan, Pax House, builds upon students’ sense of responsibility to and membership in their advisory. They eat breakfast and lunch together and when students run the annual “Afya Mile,” they do so with the support and encouragement of their advisory.

Advisory is an important piece of our commitment to supporting the healthy living and learning that goes on every day at Afya.