



Candle

Academic Suite

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Purpose of the Software

To provide private schools with a modular suite of software tools.

Our Goal

These tools should be simple to use like a candle, and provide light to board members, teachers, and parents on the progress of students under their care.

Basic Premise

Data should only be entered once, and then be available for use in multiple ways.

Downloads at: <https://candle.cloud/downloads>

Initial Setup

Because our schools are centered around families, we start by entering the family data as seen here.

The screenshot shows the 'Candle' software interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Candle', 'Grade Book', 'Reports', 'Typing', 'Setup', and 'Help'. The user is logged in as 'MelvinRay' and can 'Log Out'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Setup > Contacts > Parents > Edit'. The main content area is titled 'Marvin & Loretta Sensenig' with a 'Save' button.

Father Section:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Known As or Nickname
Marvin		Sensenig	

Below the table are icons for 'Add', phone, email, and location. The address and phone information is as follows:

- Address: 102 Feick Drive, Home
- City/State: Berntville, PA 19506, Hamburg Area
- Phone: (717) 933-4110, Home

Mother Section:

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Known As or Nickname
Loretta		Sensenig	

Children Section:

First Name	Middle Name	Known As or Nickname	Birthdate	Primary Student Group	Gender	+
Heidi			05/20/2002	None		
Brendon			05/15/2004	Grade 9		
Corey			08/12/2006	Grade 7		
Gerrit			03/31/2009	Grade 4		
Benjamin			02/23/2011	Grade 2		
Marcus			03/01/2014	None		
Jeffrey			09/14/2016	None		
Verity			09/14/2016	None		

This data, along with the teacher data entered separately, is then used to automatically produce the

- Patron Roster
- Student Roster
- Future First Grader List
- Absentee Record Sheet

Candle School Demo

Absentee Report

Principal's Signature: _____ Date: _____

2018-2019

Bro. Robert Martin
Room 4

Grade 8

Anita Bennetch
Samantha Brubaker
Ferlin Harnish
Brian Martin

Grade 9

Jesse Martin
Loren Martin
Brendon Sensenig
Clarissa Stauffer
Cynthia Stoner

Grade 10

Emily Harnish
Alex Martin
Shontelle Martin
Kaila McFarlane
Franklin Nolt
Adella Stauffer

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2018-2019 School Term - 56 Students

Grade 1 - Room 1 - Sis. Karen Boll
Rosalie Burkholder 10/31/11
Marcia Good 12/24/11
Ann Harnish 12/2/11
Lynelle Sensenig 2/12/12

Grade 2 - Room 1 - Sis. Karen Boll
Dylan Bennetch 12/17/10
Lorinda Brubaker 3/30/10
Delton Ehst 10/18/10
Brendell Herr 4/8/11
Justin Herr 4/8/11
Benjamin Sensenig 2/23/11
Karlin Sensenig 12/1/10
Cordell Weingard 7/21/11

Grade 3 - Room 1 - Sis. Joy Brubaker
M... 3/22/10
... 7/5/10

Grade 7 - Room 3 - Bro. Nathan Martin
Hadassah Erb 1/6/06
Anthony Martin 11/9/05
Jenna Martin 1/4/06
Corey Sensenig 8/12/06
Ryndell Weingard 10/13/05

Grade 8 - Room 4 - Bro. Robert Martin
Anita Bennetch 10/13/04
Samantha Brubaker 11/24/04
Ferlin Harnish 4/27/04
Brian Martin 8/9/05

Grade 9 - Room 4 - Bro. Robert Martin
Jesse Martin 5/20/04
Loren Martin 5/18/04
Brendon Sensenig 5/15/04
Clarissa Stauffer 2/3/04
Cynthia Stoner 4/16/04

Grade 10 - Room 4 - Bro. Robert Martin
Emily Harnish 7/16/03
Alex Martin 12/23/02
Shontelle Martin
Kaila McFarlane
Franklin Nolt

2018-2019
21 Families
56 Students

Grade 8
Grade 6
Grade 4
Grade 2
Grade 8

1/3/09
9/12/08
5/6/09
1/20/09
7/17/08
1/2/09

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185 School Dr, Myerstown, PA 17067
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Rodney & Melody Bennetch
2491 Sand Beach Road
Grantville, PA 17028

Brian & Carol Brubaker
1370 Pine Grove Road
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Marlin & Freda Burkholder
1900 Mt. Zion Road
Lebanon, PA 17046

Melvin & Audrey Ehst
702 1/2 Mile Rd.
Pine Grove, PA 17963

Matthew & Anita Erb
344 Bunkerhill Rd
Robesonia, PA 19551

David & RoseAnn Good
110 Host Road
Womelsdorf, PA 19567

Levi & Darlene Harnish
216 Chestnut Hill Road
Fredericksburg, PA 17026

Delvin & Cynthia Herr
105 Chase Dr.
Lebanon, PA 17046

Nelson & Joanne Herr
99 Nolt Lane
Lebanon, PA 17046

Conrad & Melody Martin
513 Frystown Rd.
Myerstown, PA 17067

Frank Wade & Laura Martin
60 Camp Strauss Rd.
Bethel, PA 19507

(717) 933-8022
Lower Dauphin

(717) 933-8111
Tulpehocken

(717) 933-1443
Tulpehocken

(717) 202-9471
Pine Grove

(717) 933-9707
Conrad Weiser

(570) 345-4880
Tulpehocken

(717) 865-6521
Northern Lebanon

(570) 345-0470
Northern Lebanon

(717) 933-7035
Northern Leba...

(717) 933-5725
Tulpehocken

(717) 461
Tulpeho...

Anita
Virgil
Adrian
Dylan

Samantha
Sherrin
Melvin
Lorinda

Karen
Rosalie

Alyssa
Delton

Hadassah
Heidi

Sarah
Ma...

10/13/04
2/8/07
1/3/09
12/17/10

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Future First Graders

2019-2020

Cheyenne Herr	2/4/13	Delvin & Cynthia Herr
Austin Martin	10/8/12	Gerald & Miriam Martin
Jennifer Martin	7/31/12	Nevin & Linda Martin
Maribeth Nolt	10/15/12	Lester & Rosalie Nolt
Beth Stauffer	12/26/12	Lewis & Abigail Stauffer
Duane Stoner	5/10/13	Kevin & Marilyn Stoner

2020-2021

Kianna Ehst	3/19/14	Melvin & Audrey Ehst
Kendrick Herr	1/22/14	Nelson & Joanne Herr
Durrell Martin	5/12/14	Robert & Rhoda Martin
Japheth Martin	3/24/14	Nevin & Linda Martin
Jeffrey Nolt	5/31/14	Lester & Rosalie Nolt
Kimberly Sensenig	6/3/14	Roger & Janelle Sensenig
Marcus Sensenig	3/1/14	Marvin & Loretta Sensenig

2021-2022

Janakin Bennetch	9/25/14	Rodney & Melody Bennetch
Lucia Good	4/13/15	David & RoseAnn Good
RoyLinn Martin	12/12/14	Gerald & Miriam Martin
Patrick Sensenig	12/6/14	Royce & Sarah Sensenig
Christine Stauffer	3/4/15	Lewis & Abigail Stauffer
Timothy Weingard	6/12/15	Martin & Joy Weingard

2022-2023

Michael Harnish	12/24/15	Levi & Darlene Harnish
Dorinda Sensenig	3/26/16	Roger & Janelle Sensenig

2023-2024

Lori Bennetch	10/27/16	Rodney & Melody Bennetch
Avery Herr	3/14/17	Delvin & Cynthia Herr
Clarissa Herr	2/22/17	Nelson & Joanne Herr
Orianna Martin	10/29/16	Gerald & Miriam Martin
Olivia Nolt	5/21/17	Lester & Rosalie Nolt
Jeffrey Sensenig	9/14/16	Marvin & Loretta Sensenig
Verity Sensenig	9/14/16	Marvin & Loretta Sensenig

Grade Entry

Teachers log into Candle using their own username and password and enter grades for their student groups into the Grade Book. Board Members can see all student groups.

Note that the class average for each lesson (circled in blue) and the marking period average for the student (circled in red) are instantly updated as the grades are entered.

The screenshot shows the Candle Grade Book interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Candle, Grade Book, Reports, Typing, Setup, and Help. Below the tabs are several filter sections: School Term (2018-2019), Student Group (Grades 9 & 10), Assigned (1), Assignment Type (Homework (/), Quiz (*), Test (-)), Marking Period (Period 1), Subjects (Bible), Settings (wrench icon), and Entry Mode (Grade). The main area is a grid of student grades. The first row is a header for the class average, with '91 B' circled in blue. The first column lists student names, with 'Brendon 92 B+' circled in red. The grid contains various letter grades for each student across multiple columns.

Class Average	91 B	92 B+	90 B	90 B	93 B+	90 B	94 B	92 B+
Jesse	90 B	98 A	81 C	91 B	92 B+	88 B	99 A	94 A
Loren	94 A	99 A	95 A-	90 B	85 C+	95 A-	99 A	88 B
Brendon	92 B+	93 B+	91 B	89 B	99 A	91 B	96 A	93 B+
Clarence	96 A	94 A-	94 A-	97 A	96 A	98 A	95 A-	83 C
Cynthia	83 C	96 A	90 B	81 C	94 A-	75 D	95 A-	88 B
Emily	90 B	84 C+	95 A-	86 B-	81 C	93 B+	90 B	89 B
Alex	93 B+	88 B	89 B	87 B-	90 B	97 A	82 C	98 A
Shontelle	86 B-	95 A-	84 C+	95 A-	98 A	80 C	99 A	83 C
Kaila	96 A	84 C+	95 A-	95 A-	94 A-	97 A	98 A	99 A
Franklin	96 A	91 B	84 C+	99 A	96 A	98 A	99 A	97 A
Adella	92 B+	86 B-	83 C	84 C+	95 A-	95 A-	94 A-	98 A
Sharita	86 B-	96 A	97 A	92 B+	92 B+	78 C-	84 C+	99 A

This data is then used to automatically produce the

- Student Grade Averages Report
- Student Group Grade Averages Report

Brendon Sensenig

Candle School Demo
History
Yearly Average 90% B
100

2018-2019
Grade 9

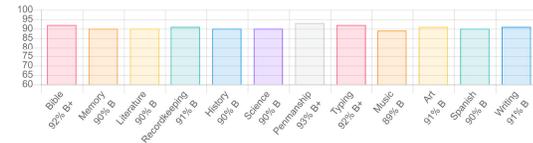
Brendon Sensenig

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2018-2019
Grade 9

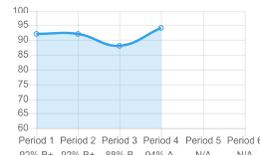
Yearly Averages

Major Subjects: 90% B All Subjects: 91% B



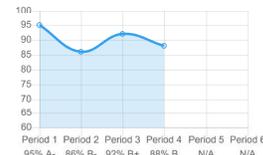
Bible

Yearly Average 92% B+



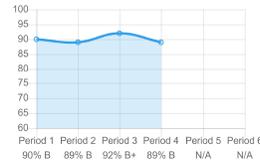
Memory

Yearly Average 90% B



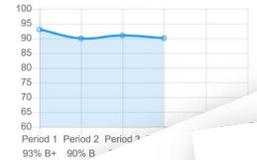
Literature

Yearly Average 90% B



Recordkeeping

Yearly Average 91% B

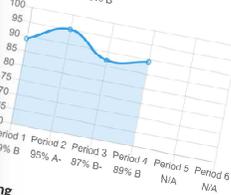


Brendon Sensenig

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Spanish
Yearly Average 90% B

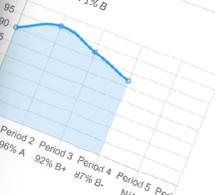
Science

Yearly Average 90% B



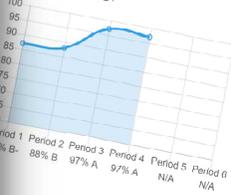
Writing

Yearly Average 91% B



Typing

Yearly Average 92% B+



2018-2019
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Room 4

2018-2019
Bro. Robert Martin
Room 4

Grades 9 & 10

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Grades 9 & 10

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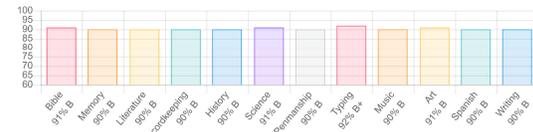
Grades 9 & 10

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2018-2019
Bro. Robert Martin
Room 4

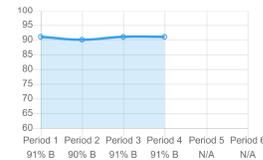
Yearly Averages

Major Subjects: 90% B All Subjects: 90% B



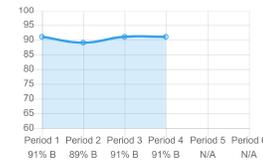
Bible

Yearly Average 91% B



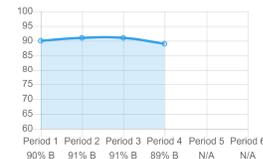
Memory

Yearly Average 90% B



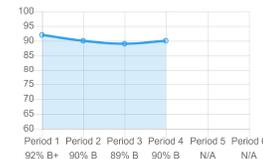
Literature

Yearly Average 90% B



Recordkeeping

Yearly Average 90% B



Grades 9 & 10

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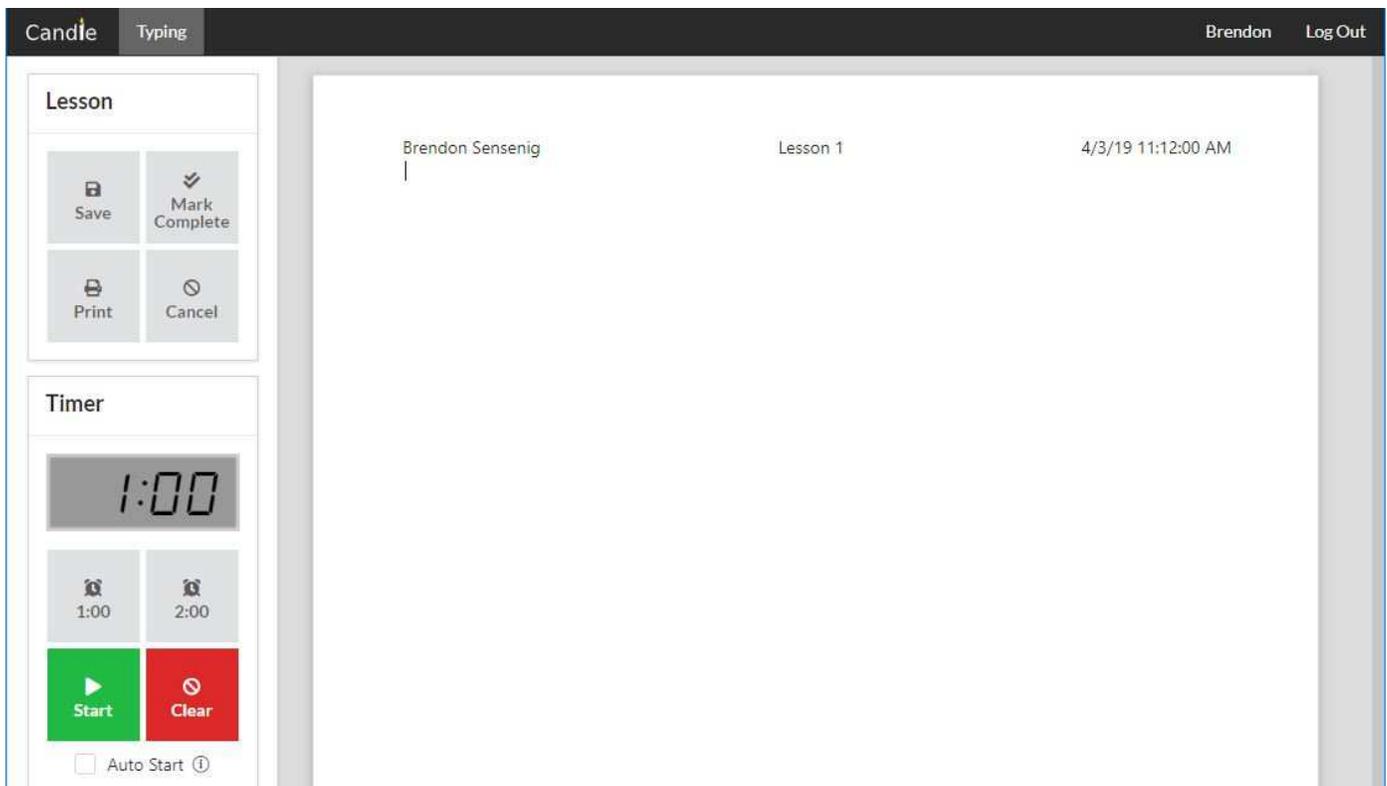
2018-2019
Period 4

	Emily	Alex	Loren	Stonable	Jesse	Franklin	Adella	Clarissa	Cynthia	Shawn
Bible	92 B+	84 C+	91 B	94 A-	95 A-	88 B	92 B+	89 B	88 B	94 A-
Memory	90 B	95 A-	94 A-	93 B+	90 B	87 B-	90 B	92 B+	89 B	92 B+
Literature	96 A	92 B+	90 B	92 B+	88 B	87 B-	90 B	78 C-	90 B	89 B
Recordkeeping	91 B	88 B	89 B	91 B	94 A-	87 B-	89 B	91 B	92 B+	89 B
History	89 B	90 B	93 B+	92 B+	91 B	90 B	92 B+	90 B	88 B	90 B
Science	94 A-	90 B	95 A-	93 B+	90 B	88 B	87 B-	94 A-	89 B	93 B+
Penmanship	93 B+	71 D	93 B+	95 A-	99 A	98 A	94 A-	82 C	96 A	86 B-
Typing	96 A	95 A-	95 A-	93 B+	92 B+	88 B	95 A-	95 A-	95 A-	87 B-
Music	81 C	88 B	93 B+	92 B+	92 B+	91 B	94 A-	92 B+	99 A	94 A-
Art	82 C	97 A	94 A-	98 A	86 B-	90 B	97 A	89 B	93 B+	85 C+
Spanish	97 A	81 C	90 B	88 B	86 B-	89 B	94 A-	82 C	97 A	86 B-
Writing	91 B	90 B	91 B	92 B+	93 B+	89 B	87 B-	90 B	89 B	83 C

Typing

Students should learn to type by transcribing data from a Typing book to a typewriter or word processor. This method of learning most closely parallels real-life use cases where data on physical objects (bills, invoices, or part numbers on items) needs to be transcribed to a computer. If a student learns to type using this method, they will have no problems with the other real-life use cases such as word processing for the creation of articles or letters in which they are not transcribing data from a physical object.

When a student logs in, they can only access the typing screen. With a built-in quiet timer, and no noise other than the noise from a keyboard, students can practice typing even while another class is in session. Students in 9th grade are unable to make corrections in their lessons while students in 10th grade are given editing capabilities. There is no lesson material built into Candle. Students need to use their existing Typing books.



Typing Stations

For typing stations where you want the student to only have access to Candle, we recommend using Porteous-Kiosk <https://porteous-kiosk.org/> as the operating system. It is locked down and severely restricted in functionality. It was designed for use in public kiosk situations where you don't want the user to be able to do anything other than run the App that you configure for them to run. It has very low hardware requirements and can run on small devices such as the Intel Compute Stick.

Installing the Software

The Candle server software can be installed on Windows, Linux, or Mac computers. The clients connect to the server using a browser such as Chrome. Web access is not required. All that is needed is a network connection (cable or Wi-Fi) from the client computers to the server. The server computer can also be used as one of the client computers. All Candle information is stored on the server. Candle also works just fine on a single computer.

System Requirements

Most modern desktop computers have plenty of power to run the Candle server software. In general, if the computer runs your other software well, running Candle shouldn't be a problem. We recommend at least 4GB of RAM for Windows 10.



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Module Pricing

All licenses are subscription based per user per school term.

Modules	Teacher	Board Member	Student
Grade Book	\$20	\$20*	NA
Rosters	\$10*	\$10*	NA
Typing	NA	NA	\$10

* Free with the purchase of any other module

Each unexpired subscription license provides access to:

- All Version Upgrades
- Bug Fixes
- Basic Support

Non-subscription licenses are available at four times the subscription price and do not include any of the subscription benefits.

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