



**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by one of their teachers for AVID, a program dedicated to helping students achieve their goals of going to college. AVID has been around for over 30 years, used by schools in 48 states, and has a proven track record of college-readiness and student success.

**“What is AVID?”**

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is a year-long college readiness program made for students in the academic middle. AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. Students considered for AVID are bright students who might be under-achieving, underserved in the college system, or first-generation college students. The AVID class is an elective which is held within the regular school day, provides support, academic monitoring, and tutoring. The writing process, Socratic questioning, collaborative learning, and reading are the core strategies of the program.

In AVID, students participate in tutorials/peer tutoring once a week, have weekly binder checks on organizational skills, Cornell note-taking, exposure to keynote speakers, and take college field trips to prepare for their future. We also use the technique W.I.C.O.R (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) to support their learning process. Everything we do in AVID prepares us for the future!

**“How do I find out more about AVID?”**

If you are interested in this program, click on the link at the bottom of this letter and fill out the application. Since spaces for this program are limited, have your student's teachers complete the recommendations as soon possible.

Feel free to go to the AVID website, [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org), to find out more information about this program. Part of the AVID recruitment process includes student interviews through a presentation. Presentation requirements are included with this letter. Please note, the presentation must be e-mailed to Mrs. Rogers at the address below.

*\*We (parent and student) understand that completing this application does not guarantee placement in the AVID program. All students will undergo a review process of the application, academic progress, school records, recommendations, and interview.*

Sincerely,

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