

Dear Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a sixth through twelfth grade program that prepares students for admission to a four-year college or university or other postsecondary education options. Students take an AVID elective course throughout high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 25 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutorial sessions that provide support for success in academically rigorous curriculums. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities, and college admission information.

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. We feel that your child is an ideal candidate for the AVID program and has been selected to participate in the recruitment process. Please complete the application and short answer questions on the following pages to help us better know you. We are excited for the opportunity to join our AVID family!

Guy Penwell

AVID Coordinator

Student Name: _____

Student Short Answer Questions

1. What do you like the most about school? What do you want from a school? Explain.

2. Describe an obstacle you have had to overcome and how you did it.

3. What are your interests and what careers could be a good match for you?

4. Why do you believe education to be important?

Parents/Guardians:

Joining our AVID program comes with many benefits. It is our commitment to provide AVID students with extra support and guidance to reach their goals of continuing education beyond high school. AVID students must also commit to being dedicated students, to make a positive impact in our school, and to be active members of our communities. AVID families play an important role in reaching these goals.

_____ I support my student's decision to join the AVID program

_____ I **DO NOT** support my student's decision to join AVID.

_____ I am interested in AVID, but would like more information

Parent/guardian signature _____

Student signature _____