

# AVID Student Application for 2023-2024

## WHAT IS AVID?

AVID stands for **Advancement Via Individual Determination** and is a course designed for students who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. The course would take the place of an elective in your schedule. If you are enrolled in the AVID elective, it is the intent that you will be enrolled in the elective each semester until you graduate from high school.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN THE AVID PROGRAM?

\*Students receive academic instruction in writing, note-taking, studying, testing strategies, and organization.

\*Students receive academic support through peer collaboration and tutorial groups.

\*Students are motivated to pursue academic excellence through goal-setting activities, rigorous classes, cultural and college field trips, classroom guest speakers, and AVID team building.

## WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE AVID APPLICATION?

We encourage potential AVID students to complete the application along with your parent or guardian. Application submission includes:

\*Student Information

\*Short Answer Responses

\*Essay Response

\*Teacher Recommendations

\*Sample Interview Questions

\* Required

## STUDENT INFORMATION

1. First Name \*

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2. Last Name \*

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3. Current Grade \*

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4. I have parental permission to complete the AVID application. \*

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Yes

No

5. Parent/Guardian Name \*

First and Last Name

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6. Parent/Guardian Phone Number \*

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7. Parent/Guardian Email Address \*

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8. How many school days have you missed in the past 4 months? \*

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- Less than one
- 1-4
- More than 4

9. How many discipline points have you received during the current school year? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- Less than one
- 1-5
- More than 5

10. What is the highest level of education obtained by either parent? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- High school diploma
- Technical school certificate or credential
- Some college, did not graduate
- College degree, graduated

## **SHORT ANSWER RESPONSES**

11. What extracurricular activities have you been involved in, both through school and outside of school (community service organizations, athletics, music, etc.)? \*

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12. Pick one of your extracurricular activities listed above. Why did you chose to participate in this activity? \*

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13. What do you like most about school? Please explain. \*

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14. What do you find challenging about school? What have you done in the past when you have had difficulty in a class? \*

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15. What do you want to be when you grow up and how do you plan to make it happen? \*

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16. Why do you want to be in AVID? How do you think AVID can help you? \*

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**ESSAY RESPONSE**

Select one of the essay prompts below to respond to. Create your response within a Google Doc. When finished, copy and paste the link to your essay response in the short answer field.

17. Essay Prompt- Option 1: If you could pick one adjective to describe yourself, what would that be? Now pick an adjective that your friends or family would use to describe you. If it is the same adjective, that is fine, but explain the reasons that people perceive you that way. \*

**OR**

Essay Prompt- Option 2: Describe a time you set a goal. Tell about the lessons you learned in trying to achieve this goal. Did you accomplish your goal? Why or why not? How can what you learned from this goal be applied to your future goals?

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## TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS

18. Please list two teachers or faculty members who are familiar with your academic work. We may contact them for a reference. \*
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## PREVIEW OF SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Acceptance to the AVID program may require an AVID Interview. If asked to participate in an interview, you may be asked some or all of the questions below. You do not need to answer these questions now or turn anything in. They are provided to help you prep for your interview.

- 1) What have you accomplished that has made you proud of yourself?
  - 2) What is your strongest subject? Why?
  - 3) What is your weakest subject? What do you do to try to improve?
  - 4) When, where, and how much time do you spend on your schoolwork and study time?
  - 5) Give an example of something you struggled with over the past year.
  - 6) Give an example of a time you showed great commitment.
  - 7) How organized are you with your schoolwork?
  - 8) How motivated are you to achieve your goals?
  - 9) How well do you stick with tasks you have started?
  - 10) How would others describe you?
  - 11) Why do you want to go to college after high school? Do your parents want you to go to college? Do you discuss attending college at home?
  - 12) Why would AVID be helpful for you?
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