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Advancement Via Individual Determination Program Requirements

The following are **requirements** for AVID students:

1. Maintain enrollment in college preparatory classes.
2. Maintain a notebook (3-ring binder provided) with class and text notes for each academic course, assignment sheets, and tutorial forms.
3. Take at least one page of notes in every class each day.
4. Spend two hours per night on homework and study.
5. Maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes.
6. Complete AVID assignments including writing and speaking tasks.
7. Participate in AVID tutorials.
8. Take the PSAT/SAT at least once. (High School students)
9. Attend AVID field trips, during school and after school.

Who Can Participate?

Middle and high school students who have ...

1. at least average grades,
2. average to above average test scores,
3. a good citizenship record,
4. a good attendance record, and
5. positive teacher recommendations.

How to Identify Potential AVID Students

Advancement Via Individual Determination

What AVID Is

- AVID is a grade 6 through grade 12 college preparatory program.
- AVID is a program for “middle to upper middle” academic students. These students have the potential for honors and AP work in high school, but need academic and emotional support paired with the rigor.
- AVID combines rigor with support that includes the student’s own individual determination and the support of teachers, other AVID students and their families, the AVID teacher, and university tutors.
- Students must maintain 2.0 or higher GPA throughout the school year.

Some Requirements to be Accepted Into AVID

- GPA of 2.0 to 3.5
- Must have the determination and willingness to accept a challenge and rise to meet it.
- Must be able to complete four-year university requirements prior to graduation.
- Must be a hard worker, have a positive attitude, and be collaborative in nature.

What AVID is Not

- AVID is not an “at-risk” program. It is a program designed to support students whose goal is to attend and graduate from a four-year university, and who need assistance building a strong academic resume.
- AVID is not for students who don’t do any of their homework.
- AVID is not for the consistently “D” or “E” student.
- AVID is not a program for unmotivated students. They must have Individual Determination.

Statistically and Historically Speaking ...

It is much more challenging for students with one or more of the following to gain acceptance into a four-year university or college as a freshman:

- Students from low income families.
- Students who come from single parent or broken families.
- Students with parents who are not college graduates.
- Students who are “under-represented” racially, culturally, or economically in colleges and universities.
- Students who lack strong study and organizational skills, and/or who have weak reading and writing skills.

AVID Students Include:

- Students performing well in core classes, who are not naturally gifted, but who would perform well in advanced classes with the right support.
- Students who have the potential to perform well in rigorous classes, but who lack the study and organizational skills to do so.
- Students performing at an average level for whom academic success is not a priority at home, and who do not receive support outside of school.
- Students performing at an average level who are not aware of the power education will give them, and hence do not prioritize it.
- Students ready to exit special education who have great potential and strong performance, but who could still use extra academic support.



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A H E A D O F T H E C U R V E

*Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Office of Secondary Instructional Services*

AVID Student Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Home Address: _____ Grade: _____

_____ Phone #: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Current School: _____

Do you receive services through any of the following: Special Education _____ Gifted _____

List your actual grades for the first semester and project your final grade in each subject:

Subject/Course Name	1 st 9 weeks	2 nd 9 weeks	1 st Sem.	3 rd 9 weeks	Final Grade
English					
Math					
Science					
Social Studies					
Elective					
Elective					

Answer the following questions:

1. How would you describe yourself as a student? _____

2. *In the second semester of the school year, what can you do to improve your grades?* _____

3. *What plans do you have for college?* _____

4. *What do think the AVID program will do for you?* _____

If accepted into the program, I agree to the following (check the boxes):

- Once I am accepted into AVID, my enrollment is automatic and continuous from year to year.
- I will enroll in the AVID elective as one of my electives.
- I will be held to AVID expectations and standards throughout my participation in the program.

Student Signature: _____ Parent Signature: _____

Return applications by mail (2380 Lynnhaven Pkwy, VB, VA 23464), by fax (474-8467), or in person to Ms. Reynolds in SMS Guidance or Mr. Bergren in the SMS Main Office no later than Thursday, January 29, 2009.