



AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has been recommended for AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a program dedicated to helping students achieve the goal of going to college. For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The key component of the AVID program is the AVID elective class which supports students as they challenge themselves in rigorous classes that will prepare them for college success. Students are taught study skills, note-taking, time management, collaboration, writing skills, and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by college students or standout juniors and seniors and provides support for success in academically rigorous classes. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities, and college admission requirement information. **AVID is a year-long class that would be added to your child's schedule during 8th grade.**

Please read over the enclosed brochure and application, which explains the AVID system and acceptance criteria. For more information on the program, please visit www.medinacsd.org, select "High school" from the "Schools" menu, and then click "AVID" on the left-side menu. You will find a number of videos (listed in a red font) to learn about the program. You can also visit www.avid.org to learn more.

Your child must return the AVID Application to the Wise Middle School Guidance Office by Friday, May 6 to be scheduled for an interview (to be held the following week). Students should prepare for the interview as admission into AVID is competitive.

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. Based on grade point average and state test results, we feel that your child is an ideal candidate for the AVID program and has been selected to participate in a competitive recruitment process. The AVID Program is voluntary. If you have any questions regarding AVID, please call me at 585-798-2710 x5227 or email me at PBell@medinacsd.org

Sincerely,

Pierson Bell
AVID Coordinator
Medina High School

Enc.: AVID Brochure/Application