



## GRAND PRAIRIE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Dear Prospective Scholar:

Congratulations on making such an exciting choice for your educational pathway. To complete the application process and in order to be considered for approval to Grand Prairie Collegiate Institute, you must complete the scholar presentation and AVID interview process. Below, you will find all the necessary details to be successful.

**When:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please sign up for an interview time on <http://www.signupgenius.com/>)

**Where:** 1502 College Street  
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050

Please access the GPCI campus from the main door located facing College Street.

**Dress:** Although there is no dress requirement for this portion, please represent yourself in a positive manner.

### Phase I: Scholar Presentation

- 3-5 minute presentation (Please stay within the time parameters).
- Subject: "Why I would make a great GPCI Scholar."
- Format: Strictly the potential scholar's decision. This can be done as a speech, a digital presentation, video, skit, tri-fold, scrapbook...the options are limitless.
  - The only constraints: If you bring a visual in, please make sure it is no larger than the standard table top of a student desk (25"x18"). If you choose a digital format, please bring a flashdrive. We use Macbook and have Office suite on all computers. If you choose to bring your own device, please make sure you have any special connectors (We have standard VGS, HDMI, & Dongles for Mac as well as Ipad).

### Phase II: AVID Interview

Once the scholar has given his/her presentation, an AVID interview will begin. Please do not be nervous-this is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers and there is nothing to practice. You can expect questions like: What is your favorite class and why? Both the presentation and the interview are closed. (this means that parents will not be included).

**What is AVID?**

We utilize the nationally recognized AVID program to support all scholars in their endeavor to become college ready.

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that designed to increased school wide learning and performance. The AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional learning, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change.

If you would like to become more familiar with AVID, feel free to visit their website: [www.AVID.org](http://www.AVID.org).

**Notes:**

- The interview and presentations will only last for approximately 15 minutes.
- The interview and presentations DO NOT count for “acceptance” or “denial.”
- The interview and presentation portions ARE considered a part of the application process. Failure to complete this step will result in your application, to the Grand Prairie Collegiate Institute, being considered incomplete.
- All interviews and presentations must be completed prior to January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- GPCI will follow the GPISD timeline with regard to final acceptances and denials.

We are excited to meet you at your interview. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at (972) 343-3120.