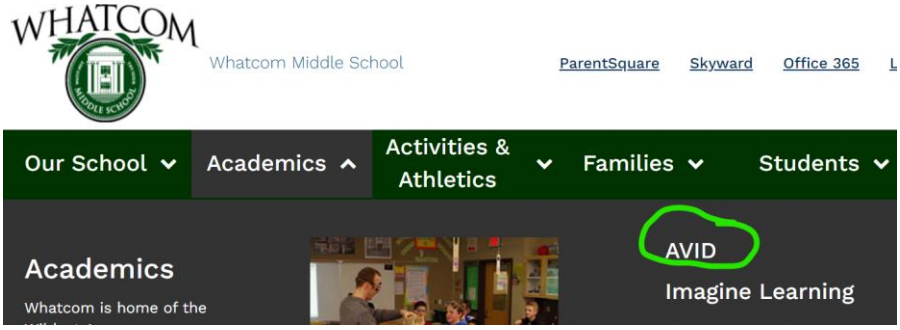
Student Application for 2025-2026 AVID
Whatcom Middle School

Application:

Thank you for applying for AVID! Please make sure to answer all questions honestly and with complete sentences. Show us your best! You will want to make sure to review the questions that you need to ask your family at home before you fill in the application. You can complete this form on paper, or you can complete this form online on our WMS website under *Academics*.



APPLICATIONS DUE BY _____May 16_____.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR WAIT LIST

What is an AVID student? [☆ = required characteristics / ♡ = not required but good fit for AVID]

- ☆ Motivated! They have good attendance and try hard to do well in school.
- ☆ A good school citizen (meets behavior expectations, helps others, participates in class, etc.)
- ☆ Someone who wants to continue their education after high school.
- ♡ Someone who may have unique circumstances that can make preparing for college more challenging. This may include but is not limited to: being the first in their family to graduate high school or attend college, qualifying for free or reduced lunch/College Bound Scholar, being a member of a population that is historically underserved in four-year universities, or other challenging situation.
- ♡ Someone who may speak more than one language.

What is AVID?

AVID supports students in preparing for career and college success by building their academic mindset, academic skills, and offering academic support. AVID students are encouraged to continue through high school and current students are given priority the next year's AVID classes.

What AVID is not…

AVID is not an at-risk program, a quick fix for student problems, or a study hall. It does not take the place of an academic class or enrichment class. It is targeted towards students who are motivated to achieve, but need or would like guidance and a community to support them in navigating school and preparing for their future. AVID classes become a family of students and staff who help each other find success through school and achieve their dreams.

TEAR OFF THIS COVER SHEET WHEN YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

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Part 1: Basic Information

My name:	*First*	*Last*
Name I use in the classroom:		**Current grade:** ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8
Primary language spoken at home (by family/adults):	☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Russian ☐ Punjabi ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Other:	
Languages I speak well:	☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Russian ☐ Punjabi ☐ Vietnamese ☐ Other:	
I want to continue my education after high school	☐ Yes ☐ No	
A staff member (teacher, counselor, etc.) recommended me for AVID	☐ Yes – Their name: _____ ☐ No ☐ Not sure	

Please mark the boxes below that best describe your attendance, motivation, and behavior in school.

	★★★ **Excellent**	★★ **Pretty good**	★ **I struggle**
Attendance ✅🟥	I am always in school. ☐	I miss a few days. ☐	I am absent a lot. ☐
Motivation ❤️💯	I love school, I love to learn, and I always do my best! ☐	School is okay and I do my best most of the time. ☐	I struggle with motivation. ☐
Community 🏆🌈	I always do my best to meet school and teacher expectations. I am a leader. ☐	I usually meet school and teacher expectations but sometimes struggle. ☐	I often need to be reminded of the expectations or to make a different choice. ☐

Have your parents/guardians earned a college degree after high school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered YES, who earned the degree and where from (what school)?

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Part 2: Student Questions (add paper if needed)

1. what makes you a good student for AVID? What would you like us to know about you that sets you apart from others?

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2. AVID students are motivated! Give us an example of a time or situation you've shown your motivation (in school, home, community, activities, etc.)?

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3. What are your strengths in and out of school? What is a challenge?

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4. Do you have any questions for the AVID staff team? _____

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✅ **Turn your completed paper application in at the main office no later than 4:00 PM on _____May 16_____. 5th-grade students need to return their applications to their teacher to send to WMS by ___9____. The online application form will close at 4:00 PM on __May 16_____.**