

Date: April 2017
Re: AVID at Drake

Dear Drake Family,

The AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) Elective class is a component that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID Elective course throughout high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID Elective is for students to challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note-taking, time management, writing skills, and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions and provides other supports for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. 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 recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. We feel that your child is an ideal candidate for the AVID Elective and has been selected to participate in the recruitment process. Please complete the application, family information, and short answers on the following pages to help us better know your child and family circumstances.

Application process:

4/5/17 tutorial – Informational meeting for students who are eligible for participation in AVID

4/21/17 – Students turn in completed application to Jolie Jacobs (principal's assistant)

4/21/17 – Teachers submit recommendation form to LoRayne Ortega or Dan Freeman

All information shared on this form will be used for recruitment and selection of AVID students and will be held confidential. If you would prefer to share this information in person or have additional questions prior to completing this form, please contact your child's counselor or an AVID Elective teacher, LoRayne Ortega or Dan Freeman. Please remove this page, keep it for your reference, and return the application by April 21.

Sincerely,

Liz Seabury, Principal

LoRayne Ortega, AVID Elective Teacher

Dan Freeman, AVID Elective Teacher

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Drake High School: AVID Student Application 2017

STUDENT: Please complete the following application to be considered as a member of AVID. Please return your completed application by April 21 to Jolie Jacobs (principal's secretary). Final acceptance will be determined by May 10. Please print with blue or black ink.

Personal Data

Student Name: _____

Student email: _____

Parents'/Guardians' names: _____

Parents'/Guardians' emails: _____

Parents'/Guardians' phone numbers: _____

Current Class Schedule:

Period	Class Name	Teacher	S1 Grade	Current Grade
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				

Student Short Answer Questions--Please use extra paper if you need more room, and staple it to this packet.

1. What makes you a strong candidate for the AVID Elective?

2. What is the biggest obstacle that you have ever had to overcome, and how did you do it?

Additional Student Information: This information will further assist us in identifying possible candidates who best fit the AVID profile. Please complete the following questionnaire. This information is confidential and will only be used by the AVID Site Team for placement.

1. Parent/Guardian's Highest Educational Level

- Did not graduate high school
- Graduated high school
- Completed some college
- Graduated two-year college
- Graduated four-year college
- Post-graduate education

2. Ethnic Background (Mark all that apply.)

- African American Hispanic/Latino
- American Indian/Alaska Native White/Non-Hispanic
- Asian Multi-Racial
- Pacific Islander Other: _____
- Filipino
- Other: _____

3. Student's Gender

- Female
- Male
- Other: _____

4. Supplemental Criteria: What other languages do you speak at home? _____

5. Supplemental Criteria: Please record any challenges or circumstances that you have faced (optional).

To the best of my knowledge, all information provided on this form is correct. I support my child's interest in joining the AVID Elective class at Drake High.

Student's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Drake High School- AVID Teacher Recommendation 2017

Student Name: _____

Recommending Teacher Name: _____ Class: _____

The AVID Elective is a course that will prepare students for the rigors of college preparatory classes by providing study and organizational skills, as well as tutoring help during the AVID elective class.

As we prepare to interview candidates, we are gathering as much information as possible about prospective students. Please rate the student based on your perception of the student's ability to be successful in the AVID Elective. Feel free to email your response to LoRayne Ortega or Dan Freeman, or you can hand-deliver it to us or put it in one of our boxes, **by April 21**. Your recommendation will be kept confidential.

Please use the scale to rate the skills listed below: Never (0), Sometimes (1), Often (2), Always (3).

- Demonstrates motivation and tenacity _____
- Willingness to work with others _____
- Acceptable attendance and on time to class _____
- Brings materials _____
- Seeks help when needed _____
- Actively participates in class _____
- Practices good citizenship and classroom behavior _____

Optional→ Additional Information: Not all of the nominated students can participate in AVID next year because only a limited number of spaces are available. If you feel that this candidate should definitely be in AVID next year, please explain what makes this candidate exemplary. Accordingly, please let us know of any reservations that you may have about a candidate.