



AVID Information and Application 2013/2014 School Year Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School



WHAT IS AVID? AVID is an in-school academic program that supports students for college eligibility and success. It really prepares students for college by teaching them how to learn and behave as an individual in a school setting – they learn how to be organized, ask questions, take notes and be responsible for their own learning and success. It also gives them a head start on College awareness and preparation. AVID is offered as a special elective for First Generation College going students in the academic middle (Basic and Proficient). Today, 95% of AVID students nationally are accepted into four-year universities. AVID students have a higher percentage of actually staying in college and receiving a bachelor’s degree. The largest percentages of college tracked students are students with advanced scores on the standardized exams. We are doing our part to track more basic and proficient students into college. Help us support the district’s bold goal to increase the number of career and college ready students.

WHAT IS AN AVID STUDENT? AVID is not for everyone. We expect our AVID students to have a background or a personality that is special or different, giving them the extra assistance and support to help them succeed like everyone else.

Here are some qualifications or descriptions of what an AVID student should be...

The student...

- ✓ **may try hard in class, but needs the extra support to really be successful** (ie. Organization skills, extra tutoring, collaborative support...)
- ✓ **has parents that did not go to college**
- ✓ **has been historically underserved in four-year universities** Latino and African American (although our program reflects the diversity of our school- Asian, Filipino, African American, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, East Indian, Indian, Caucasian, etc..)
- ✓ **is motivated and is ready for the challenge and hard work required of honors and challenging math courses**
- ✓ **may demonstrate strong citizenship skills in classes**
- ✓ **demonstrates a strong desire to attend a four year university directly after high school**

Here are some qualities in students that we are *not* looking for in AVID:

Students who...

- ⊗ Students who are not motivated
- ⊗ Students who are at risk (Below Basic, Far Below Basic)
- ⊗ Advanced students with parents who have received bachelors degrees
- ⊗ Classroom problems- disruptive, multiple detentions, frequent absences
- !!! **AVID IS NOT A PROGRAM TO SAVE KIDS! IT IS A PROGRAM TO HELP THOSE THAT WANT TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT DO NOT KNOW HOW.**

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE APPLICATION? As soon as you receive the application (the application is attached to this page), please complete it to your best ability. When the student and parent/guardian has completed each part, return the application to:

Ms. Tracy Christopher, AVID Coordinator
Room MJ 8
Edward Harris Jr. Middle School
8691 Power Inn Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 688-0080

WHAT TO WAIT FOR: As soon as you have turned in an application, you must wait for the AVID teacher or coordinator to contact you. Please anticipate these steps:

1. First, we *may* call or meet with the student to interview them. Calls will be done in the afternoon to evening and meetings will happen at the Elementary schools. The interview process helps us understand the applying student’s need and personality. The student shouldn’t be nervous; we are just trying to get to know them better!
2. Then, you will receive a notice of acceptance into the AVID program. This notice will be by mail or phone contact/message.
3. Lastly, we will invite you to our AVID Parent Information Night some time in May. Please come as a parent/guardian and with the student. This will give you more information of the program and we will let you know what to expect in 7th grade.

IF! If you do not receive a phone call or a notice of acceptance, we may not have room to enter you into AVID this year. However, that doesn’t mean AVID isn’t right for you! Reapply for 8th grade AVID, as well as AVID at the High School level.

ANY QUESTIONS? Please contact Tracy Christopher Schilling, AVID Elective Teacher and AVID Coordinator at Edward Harris Jr. Middle School. I would love to hear any questions or concerns you may have. My contact information is below.

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AVID Application Form

Edward Harris, Jr. Middle School



STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Last Name		Student First Name		Student ID Number	
Home Address			City		State, Zip Code
Phone Number	Current Grade Level		School Currently Attending		Current Teacher

PARENT INFORMATION:

Mother/Guardian Name		Current Occupation			
Mother/Guardian Educational Background (Please check appropriate box):					
High School:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Diploma:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Community College:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Degree:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Four Year University:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Degree:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Father/Guardian Name		Current Occupation			
Father/Guardian Educational Background (Please check appropriate box):					
High School:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Diploma:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Community College:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Degree:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Four Year University:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Degree:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

The AVID program's mission is to especially, but not exclusively, serve students in the middle who meet one or more of the following criteria. Please check all that apply:

- First in immediate family to attend a four-year university
- Low Income/Free or Reduced Lunch program for student
- Single-Parent Household
- Historically underserved in four-year universities (Latino, African American students...)
- Demonstrates strong citizenship skills in classes
- Current average to above average grades
- Demonstrates a strong desire to attend a four year university directly after high school
- Special circumstances. Please write a brief description: _____

We understand that the information in this application is used for recruitment purposes and to keep a working portfolio of each student accepted into the program. The submission of this application does not constitute a final acceptance into the AVID program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

STUDENT PLEASE CHECK-MARK OR RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. My grades are: All A's A's and B's B's B's & C's C's Below C's
2. My attendance is: Excellent OK Needs Improvement
3. My behavior in school is: Excellent OK Needs Improvement
4. Some Extra-Curricular Activities I have been involved in are: _____



5. Please respond to the following questions. *You may answer them on another piece of paper.*
- What do you like most about school? *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - What do you like least about school? *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - In what subject(s) do you do your best work? *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - Do you struggle with organization? *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - Please write a statement explaining why you want to be in the AVID program. *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - Do you want to go to college? Why? Do your parents want you to go to college? What have they told you about college? *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*
 - What do you want to be when you grow up? Explain why this interests you. *(Explain in 4 sentences or more)*

PARENT - PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

Why do you want your child to participate in the AVID program?

What do you feel are your child's strengths, either in or out of school?

What do you do at home to support your child's academics?

Does your family value education and support your child's desire to attend a four-year university? Explain.

TEACHER - PLEASE GIVE THIS TO A CURRENT TEACHER FOR A RECOMMENDATION. **TEACHER: PLEASE RATE THIS STUDENT IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS. THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME!**

Student is academically motivated	5	4	3	2	1
Student has high academic potential	5	4	3	2	1
Student completes assigned work on time	5	4	3	2	1
Student is organized	5	4	3	2	1
Student has good citizenship	5	4	3	2	1
Student works well in groups	5	4	3	2	1

Please rate
5 as strongly agree,
1 as strongly disagree

Additional comments? _____

Teacher name: _____ Teacher signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION (INCLUDING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS) TO	Mrs. Tracy Christopher Schilling, AVID Coordinator Edward Harris Jr. Middle School 8691 Power Inn Road, Elk Grove, CA 95624 688-0080	Please return application ASAP
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