



July 29, 2019

Dear Capital Family,

We hope that you all have enjoyed your summer and will come back to Columbia High refreshed and ready to learn. This past year we were fortunate to be able to gain a new program called AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination). This program is geared toward pushing students to take control of their own learning by providing students with skills that they need to be successful in advancing academically.

Students are taught study skills, note-taking, time management, writing skills, and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. This program has an elective component in which some students who fit its criteria will be enrolled.

This year we hope to expand the use the strategies that stem from the AVID curriculum throughout our school. In particular, AVID focuses on teaching students the importance of organization and accountability through the use of a 3 –ring 3” binder and across the board binder checks. These checks will help to ensure students are held accountable for the materials students need in their classes.

As this is a school-wide initiative, all students will be required to utilize the 3-ring binder organizational set up and will be subject to binder checks in all classes. In an effort to ensure that all students have access to a binder, we have purchased 1 binder and a pack of tab dividers for each student. We hope that by teaching students become organized we can help them to focus on the content they learn in the classroom.

Both parents and students can access to our supply list on our website, social media outlets, and will receive more information at registration.

Sincerely,

Columbia High AVID Site Team

