



Advancement Via Individual Determination A College and Career Readiness Program at Alcorn Middle School

What is AVID?

AVID prepares high-potential students to complete a challenging high school curriculum and go on to four years of college. The AVID elective class is designed to increase students' achievement, develop skills in writing for learning, achieve success in honors classes, and become an effective learner in groups. AVID students hone their study skills, develop their organizational skills, learn to set realistic goals, and manage their time in order to enhance all aspects of their education.

AVID Activities

- Speak with high school students, college students
- Learn with trained facilitators and college tutors
- **Participate in tutorial groups twice weekly**
- Manage grades
- Develop note-taking skills for all academic subjects
- Use writing as a tool for learning
- Develop critical reading and thinking
- Participate in Socratic seminars and discussions
- Learn success strategies and goal-setting skills
- Conduct college research
- Student-centered inquiry and collaborative teams
- Engage in problem-solving activities
- Develop time-management skills
- Participate in motivation builders and hear guest speakers
- Conduct student-led conferences
- Lead discussions and participate
- Develop presentation skills
- Attend college campus tours

Who is an AVID student?

AVID students have *academic potential*.

- Average to high test scores on standardized and national tests
- 2.0 - 3.5 GPA (C to B+ average)
- College potential with support
- Student desire and determination

AVID is offered as a full-year elective class scheduled during the regular school day. Students are accepted into the AVID program through an application process.

Rising 9th graders may submit their applications to Desiree P. Smith (desiree.smith@richlandone.org).

Parents and students may also choose to submit applications online by visiting alcorn.richlandone.org.

Note: If you choose to submit your application online, please be sure to email or provide your teacher with a recommendation form. Teacher recommendations should be sent or emailed directly to Desiree P. Smith, desiree.smith@richlandone.org.



Alcorn Middle School AVID Application Form

AVID is a class offered to students who would like to prepare for four-year universities. The curriculum features: writing, inquiry, collaboration, reading, note-taking, study skills, and college/career/motivational activities. Students must commit to taking notes in subject-area classes on a daily basis and to reviewing those notes every night for homework. Other requirements include: satisfactory citizenship, good attendance, and participation in twice weekly tutorials.

All students who apply will be considered for AVID. Students will be selected on established eligibility criteria to include grades and assessment scores, teacher recommendations, and their AVID application.

Please print in ink or type - COMPLETE THE STUDENT NARRATIVE on Page Two

Applications may not be processed unless completed in full.

If you have questions, please contact Desiree P. Smith, Site Coordinator
email: desiree.smith@richlandone.org telephone: 803-735-3439 ext. 3912

Student's Last Name		First Name	
Home Address:		Phone Number	Parent Email
Current School:	Grade:	If you are a rising 6th grader, please list your current teacher(s):	
Current grades (check one): All B's/C's ___ All A's, B's, and C's ___ All A's/B's ___ All C's, D's, F's ___ All A's ___			
Recommending Teacher:		Recommending Teacher Email:	
If you have AVID to support you next year, would you like to be in an advanced class? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, which one(s): _____			
Mother's Name (or legal guardian)		Father's Name (or legal guardian)	
Mother's cell or work #		Father's Cell or work #	
Please indicate highest education level completed of Mother (or legal guardian) - Check only one <input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, but did not graduate <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year college graduate or technical college graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to state		Please indicate highest education level completed of Father (or legal guardian) - Check only one <input type="checkbox"/> Did not complete high school <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some college, but did not graduate <input type="checkbox"/> 4-year college graduate or technical college graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Post graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Decline to state	
NOTE: AVID is an elective class that meets all year long every year of middle/high school. If students are enrolled in band, orchestra, or chorus in addition to the AVID class, they will take that elective along with AVID for the entire year.			
AVID Expectations			
<input type="checkbox"/> By checking here, the student and the parent understand that AVID is an elective program. Students who enroll in the AVID program at Alcorn Middle School are making a commitment to remain in the program throughout middle school (6th, 7th, and 8th grades). The AVID curriculum changes to meet the growing academic needs of students in each grade level, preparing students to meet demands of rigorous coursework and map a plan for success in high school and college. AVID students must maintain a C+ or better in their coursework, maintain their AVID binder, and prepare and participate in AVID tutorials twice a week in the AVID elective class.			
<i>We understand that completing this application does not guarantee placement in the AVID program. All students will undergo a review process of the application, academic progress, school records, recommendations, and interview.</i>			
_____ Student signature		_____ Parent (or legal guardian) signature	

