



EAST HIGH SCHOOL

AVID Application Packet- 2016-2017

Packet Includes:

- **Student application**
- **Essay prompt**
- **Teacher recommendation form**

Mail, scan & email, fax, or drop completed application to
EHS Main Office by Friday, April 29, 2017

Late applications &/or those completed by parents will not be accepted.

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- Essay**
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***Interview Dates: T.B.D. (throughout the month of May)**

Questions?

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EAST HIGH AVID Application

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an elective class offered to students who would like to prepare for four-year universities. The curriculum features writing, inquiry, collaboration, reading, note-taking and study skills, and college/career/motivational activities. The AVID class is a four-year elective & commitment. College students are in the classroom as tutors twice a week and field trips are taken to universities in the area. Students must commit to taking notes in subject-area classes on a daily basis. Other requirements for applicants are satisfactory citizenship, good attendance and a GPA of 2.0-3.5.

You must complete all components of this application to be considered. **Please understand that we will use the parent and student email address as our main source of communication so please check your email regularly throughout the AVID application process.** If you don't have an email address, please be sure to include the best phone number to reach you.

Please Print:

Date of application: _____

Full Student Name: _____

Student Home/Cell Phone: _____

Student Email (this is our main form of communication): _____

Current Grade Level for 2016-2017 school year: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Home address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's E-mail address (this is our main form of communication): _____

Student Academic History:

Current school (attending in 2016-2017): _____

Current approximate GPA: _____

Have you ever been enrolled in AVID before? Yes ___ No ___ Where? _____

Extra Curricular Activities: What activities are you involved in at school and/or in the community? _____

Student History:

1. What is your ethnic background?

___ Indian/Native-American

___ Black/African-American

___ Chicano/Mexican-American

___ Latino/Spanish-American

___ Filipino

___ Chinese-American

___ East Indian/Pakistani

___ Japanese-American

___ Korean-American

___ Pacific Islander

___ White/Caucasian

___ Multi-racial: _____

___ Other: _____

2. Besides English, do you speak another language? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what? _____

3. Parental Status (circle one): Married Divorced Separated Single I do not live with my parents.

4. What is their highest level of education? Father/Guardian _____ Mother/Guardian _____

5. Will you be the first in your family to attend college? Yes _____ No _____

6. Will you be the first in your family to graduate from a four-year university? Yes _____ No _____

7. Are you willing to work hard to succeed in your classes? Yes _____ No _____

8. Are you willing to take advanced placement, honors and/or summer classes/programming to get ahead or improve? Yes _____ No _____

9. Explain how you take initiative and personal responsibility in your school? Please give specific examples.

10. Are you willing to be a school leader as a representative of the AVID program? Yes _____ No _____

12. Do you have difficulty completing all your homework on a regular basis? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain why, in what content areas, ect.

13. How do you overcome academic challenges? Please give specific examples.

14. Have you had any discipline or behavior issues at school in the last two years? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain the incidence(s) & the outcome(s). This might include any suspensions, referrals, teacher conferences, etc. Please be honest.

By signing this application we both consent to be part of East AVID programming that will include accelerated course work, community involvement, and the commitment to do whatever is necessary to attend college.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Dear Recommending Teacher,

Thank you for filling out this recommendation form. We know that you are asked to do many things each day, and this may seem like one more. However, your input into this candidate's interview process is critical to the student's success. I have included some general information as to what AVID is.

AVID is an acronym for **A**dvancement **V**ia **I**ndividual **D**etermination. AVID is an academic program that focuses on *writing* as a tool of learning, the *inquiry* method, *collaborative* teamwork, and *reading*.

AVID students are encouraged to enroll in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum as well as an elective AVID class that provides:

- ❖ Academic instruction
- ❖ Tutorial support
- ❖ Motivational activities

AVID Objectives

- ❖ To provide academic instruction and other support to prepare students for success in four-year colleges and universities
- ❖ To motivate and equip students to see themselves as leaders and college students
- ❖ To increase the academic coping skills of participants
- ❖ To increase the participants levels of career awareness and opportunities
- ❖ To develop leadership skills

Who Qualifies

- ❖ Students who have the potential and desire to attend a four-year college
- ❖ Has between a 2.0 and 3.4 GPA
- ❖ Mid to high level standardized test scores
- ❖ A good attendance record
- ❖ Positive classroom behavior and minimal behavior issues
- ❖ Good work habits
- ❖ A willingness to commit to enrolling in a rigorous college preparatory course sequence

If you feel the student does not meet the qualification, please be honest in the recommendation. Thank you for your time and honest input with this potential AVID candidate.

Sincerely,

The East High School AVID Elective Site Team



East High School AVID- Teacher Recommendation Form 2016-2017

Name of Student _____ Current School _____

Directions for student: Ask a teacher to complete this recommendation form on your behalf to be considered for the AVID program.

Directions for recommending teacher: Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions by checking the appropriate column and return to the student in a sealed envelope.

Name of Teacher Submitting Recommendation _____

Subject taught: _____

| | Yes | No | Sometimes |
|--|-------|-------|-----------|
| 1. Does this student have average to above average skills in general? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Does this student appear to need assistance with reading strategies to improve comprehension? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Do you believe this student is working up to his/her potential? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. Does this student display good classroom work habits? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Does this student have discipline issues? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Does this student have an acceptable attendance record? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Does this student seem to have college potential, if given tutorial support? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Is this student self-motivated? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Does this student complete home and class work assignments? | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 10. Does this student demonstrate responsibility? | _____ | _____ | _____ |

- I recommend this student for placement in East's AVID Program.
- I *do not* recommend this student for AVID.

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

**Return to student or scan/email to Ronnee_Valdez@dpsk12.org*