



Do you belong in our AVID family?



Hi parents, guardians, students, and friends! **At Herndon Middle School we have an elective called AVID** which is about helping students prepare for college, set goals, and achieve their dreams. AVID is a national program that targets students considered 'in the middle,' meaning they do well in regular classes, but could take at least one honors course with additional support. **Look at the description below to see if you fit into this awesome family we call AVID!**

AVID students are typically students achieving in the middle, capable of completing a college preparatory path with support. These students often are not realizing their full potential academically. In the identification process a number of criteria are considered, including:

- 2.0+ GPA (some 2's, but mostly 3's and 4's on elementary report card)
- Positive behavior and leadership potential
- Passing State test scores
- Good attendance record
- ***Demonstrates desire and determination to achieve academically and prepare for college***
- Strong possibility to be first in the family to attend college
- Member of a group that is historically underrepresented in 4-year colleges/universities
- Economically-disadvantaged
- Other special circumstances

If this sounds like you, then you may want to consider applying to AVID! Students must apply to be enrolled in the AVID elective. The application process includes written responses, an interview, and teacher recommendations. You can get an application from your teacher or counselor. **Applications are due by February 4th.** After applications are collected Mrs. Mascoll will visit your school to conduct interviews. There will also be a meeting at Herndon Middle on January 28th, 6:00-6:30 pm for you to learn more about the AVID program as a parent. We hope you can make it!

**Any questions? Please contact
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