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AVID Student Application

(Please Print)

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Birthdate: _____

Current Grade Level 8 9 10 11 12

How many people live in your household? _____

Parent/Guardian's Highest Education Level

- Did not graduate high school
- Graduated high school
- Completed some college
- Graduated two-year college
- Graduated four-year college
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Student Written Interview Questions:

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. They may be typed or neatly hand written. Be sure to address all components of the questions.

1. What makes you want to be a part of AVID? What do you feel AVID can do for you?
2. What are your strengths as a student? What do you need to improve in order to become the student you would like to be?
3. What areas of study do you think you will need extra support in to be successful? What are you willing to do to overcome any difficulties you may have in those areas?
4. What are your plans for your academic future? If they include college, why do you want to go to college?
5. In AVID you are expected to study more and take harder classes. How do you react if you have difficulty with a subject or concept? Are you willing to do extra work to assure your success? Give some examples of what extra things you are willing to do.
6. Please record any challenges or circumstances that you have faced (optional).

(Over)

Student Terms of Agreement for Enrollment in AVID

- I agree to enroll in AVID for the **duration of your high school career.**
- I agree to take notes in all core subjects as required by AVID
- I agree to keep my binder organized as required by AVID
- I agree to participate fully in tutorials as required by AVID
- I agree to participate in field trips, college visitations and other AVID activities
- I agree to complete all my assignments in all classes including AVID
- I agree to ask for help, talk to my AVID teacher or mentor if necessary
- I agree to keep a positive attitude and be enthusiastic about preparing for college
- I agree to maintain passing grades
- I agree to always put forth my best effort
- I agree to be a role model at Spectrum High School

I have read the above terms and by signing below I agree to follow these guidelines.

Student Signature _____

Parent Terms of Agreement for Enrollment in AVID

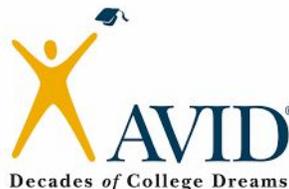
- I agree to support my child in his or her attempt to pursue the dream of going to college
- I agree to be an advocate for my child's success
- I agree to attend at least one information/parent support meeting regarding AVID
- I agree to help ensuring that my child is studying 1 to 2 hours after school per day
- I agree to help ensuring that my child is keeping an organized binder and planner

I have read the above terms and by signing below I agree to follow these guidelines.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Deliver, Email or Mail completed application to:

Billi Jo Mehrer
Spectrum High School AVID Site Co-Coordinator
17796 Industrial Circle NW
Elk River, MN 55330
Phone: 763-45847
bmehrer@spectrumhighschool.or



The AVID Contract

To the AVID student:

AVID is a commitment. When you sign up for AVID, you are making a commitment to yourself, your fellow students, your teacher, and your parents/guardians to hold high expectations for yourself in the belief that you can achieve greatness with determination and perseverance. The AVID class is committed to giving you the guidance, resources, and support to set and achieve inspiring goals for your life.

AVID is a student lifestyle change. The required AVID strategies of writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading are pervasive to all areas of your academic life, including (but not limited to) focused note-taking, structured organization, and tutorials. These strategies are a means to an end – the “end” is accomplishing your dreams. While one of these time-tested, researched strategies may not be an absolutely perfect fit for you right now, they all will give you the essential tools you need to succeed in high school, college, and your career.

Committing to a lifestyle change of this magnitude requires a contractual agreement between the AVID student, teacher, parent/guardian, and school administration to uphold the high expectations set by each student for his/herself at the beginning of the year, despite the frustration or fear of the moment - for every student will reach a “wall” that will hold them back from living up to this commitment. This wall will occur at different times and will look differently for each student; for some, it will be the high standards of organization and note-taking; for others, it will be the fear associated with being held accountable; for others, it will be a change of priorities from academic achievement to social/extracurricular activities.

The AVID Student Contract promises to hold students to the standard they set for themselves at the beginning of the school year when their dreams and goals were fresh in their minds. As such, students may not simply “drop” the AVID class. A student wishing to discontinue participation in the AVID class must explain to parents, teachers, and administrators why AVID has not fulfilled its end of the contract.

Below is the process for voiding your AVID contract:

1. Meet with your AVID elective teacher OR AVID Coordinator to discuss the AVID student contract, brainstorming alternatives to you voiding your contract.
2. Submit a 1-page essay addressing your original goals/dreams for your life (as expressed at the beginning of the school year) and describing how AVID has impeded your achievement.
3. Complete an exit interview with the AVID Coordinator and District Director.
4. If approved, submit required paperwork to guidance office to complete schedule change. No “W” will appear on your transcript.

Your AVID Elective Teacher and the AVID Coordinator are here to help you achieve your goals and prepare you for college. With your determination, they will be successful in upholding the AVID contract so that you advance toward your future with direction and confidence.

Sincerely,

The AVID Team

