Advancement Via Individual Determination
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Dear Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a seventh through twelfth grade program that prepares students *in the academic middle* for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout middle school and/or high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 25 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education. The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through fieldtrips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission requirement information.

AVID recruits students who are *motivated to do well* and who are *serious about their academic future*. Based on a *grade point average between 2.0 and 3.5*, and *average to better state test results*, your child may be an ideal candidate for the AVID program. If your child is motivated and meets those requirements, please complete the application, family information, and short answers on the following pages to help us better know your child and family circumstances.

We will review the application, as well as space availability in the AVID classes and get back to you and/or your student promptly. Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Kara Billings, OHS AVID Coordinator