2022-2023 AVID Recruitment Packet

We are currently accepting applications for the rising 8th graders

(Current 7th grade)
Dear Potential Cockeysville Middle School AVID Families,

My name is Megan Thomas, and I am the AVID Coordinator at Cockeysville Middle School. **We are currently accepting applications for our AVID Elective class grade 8!**

**AVID** (Advancement Via Individual Determination), is a college preparatory system that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to four-year colleges and universities.

Students accepted into the elective class take an AVID class everyday which means PE would be every other day. The course’s curriculum focuses on college-readiness skills and knowledge. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture and rigorous courses. AVID students refine and develop interpersonal skills through collaboration and an emphasis on WICOR (Writing Inquiry Collaboration Organization and Reading). The class also includes tutoring sessions and provides support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Students in AVID learn information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, research projects, and community service.

Cockeysville Middle School has successfully inducted and implemented our first AVID 8th grade class this year. As a school and program we are dedicated to the AVID mission statement which is “to close the achievement gap and prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society.”

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. We are looking for scholars who would benefit from the support in refining and developing their academic skills and willing to put forth the work and effort. **All students interested in AVID should apply online by March 18th at** [https://tinyurl.com/CockeysvilleMiddleAVID](https://tinyurl.com/CockeysvilleMiddleAVID) **. Admissions decisions are based on applications, grades, test results, and teacher recommendations.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at mthomas18@bcps.org. I hope to work with you and your scholar soon for a remarkable and unforgettable 8th grade year!

Sincerely,

Megan Thomas
AVID Site Coordinator
Cockeysville Middle School
Start Here

ARE YOU AVID?

CONGRATULATIONS!

Do you want to go to college?

Are you willing to work hard?

Are you determined to be successful academically?

Are you successful academically?

Do you see the benefits of working hard?

Do you look like an AVID scholar?

You look like an AVID scholar.

Are you willing to maintain high grades, strong attendance, and clean discipline record?

Are you willing to push yourself?

You will go.

You will go.

Are you going for high school and college?

During the grade to prepare

No

Yes

Yes

No

No

No

No

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes
Cockeysville Middle School AVID needs family volunteers for the following roles:

- AVID Site Team members—come to our monthly meetings!
- Guest speakers!
- Field trip chaperones!
- Event helpers!
- Program donors and sponsors!
- Scholarship donors!
- Service learning project coordinators!
- Parent representatives at AVID events!

If you are interested in being a Cockeysville Middle School AVIDcate, please return the bottom portion to Mrs. Thomas

Student’s Name: _________________________________________ Grade Level: ___________
Parent’s Name: _____________________________ Phone Number: ______________________
Email address: _____________________________________________

Please check which role(s) you are interested in contributing towards:

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- Other: ______________________
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an educational nonprofit that was established in 1980. It is implemented in approximately 7,500* K–12 schools in 49 states across the United States, plus schools in Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA), Canada, and Australia.

**TODAY**
- 85,000* educators trained annually
- 2 million students impacted annually

**PROVEN RESULTS**

AVID alumni who go to college are four times more likely to graduate than their national peers.

- 42% of first-generation, low-income AVID college students graduate with a four-year degree within six years*

**In 2020–2021, AVID Served Students (Grades K–12)**

- 65% low-income (free or reduced-price lunch)

*Other includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, two or more races, and students who declined to state. AVID (2021). AVID senior data collection (Electronic Database).

**Class of 2021 Seniors completing four-year college entrance requirements:**

- 94% of AVID Seniors completed four-year college entrance requirements
- 95% Asian
- 96% Black or African American
- 93% Hispanic or Latino
- 95% White (non-Hispanic)
- 91% Other*

**Impressive Outcomes: Class of 2021 AVID Elective Seniors**
- 87% reported plans to attend a postsecondary institution
- 77% reported taking at least one rigorous course (e.g., AP®, IB®, and/or Cambridge®)

AVID closes the opportunity gap for all students.

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