

PCS 60 Heaton Middle School AVID Application

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is a four-year, elective class offered to students who would like to prepare for entrance into a four-year university. The curriculum features writing, inquiry, collaboration, reading, note-taking, study skills and college/career activities. College students are in the classroom as tutors three times a week and field trips are taken to universities. Students must commit to taking notes in classes on a daily basis. Criteria taken into consideration for all applicants include: GPA, interview, citizenship, attendance, state test scores, and recommendations.

PARENTS: Please have your student fill out the application and print in ink.

Student Name: _____ Parent/Guardian's Name(s): _____

Grade level in 2010-2011 school year: _____ Date of application: _____

Home address: _____ Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Parent/Guardian's E-mail address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

School attended in 2008-2009: _____ Current GPA without PE: _____

1. What is your ethnic background?

_____ Indian/Native-American

_____ Chicano/Mexican-American

_____ Filipino

_____ East Indian/Pakistani

_____ Korean-American

_____ White/Caucasian

_____ Black/African-American

_____ Latino/Spanish-American

_____ Chinese-American

_____ Japanese-American

_____ Pacific Islander

_____ Other: _____

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

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

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

A. Did Not Graduate High School

B. High School Graduate

C. Some College or AA/AS Degree

D. BA/BS Degree

E. MA/MS Degree, Professional Degree and/or PhD

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. What are your career goals? _____

8. Have you ever been enrolled in AVID before? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where? _____

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

10. Are you willing to take summer classes to get ahead or improve (if available)? Yes _____ No _____

11. Do you take initiative and personal responsibility in your classes? Yes _____ No _____

12. Are you willing to be a school leader and be involved in the AVID Program? Yes _____ No _____

13. Are you willing to make a commitment to the AVID Program? Yes _____ No _____

14. What activities are you involved in at school and in the community? _____

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

If yes, explain why. _____

16. How do you overcome academic challenges? _____

17. Explain why you believe you are a good candidate for AVID. _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Deliver this application to the AVID Coordinator at (Circle One):

Heaton Middle School

East High School

PUSD AVID Letter of Recommendation: English Teacher

STUDENT and PARENT: Fill out the boxed information only, then give to your English teacher to finish.

OPTIONAL WAIVER: Under the provision of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, you have the right to see what is written on your behalf. By indicating on the blank form that you do not wish to waive your right of access, you may view the letter at any time. However, the recommender will be aware of this and will write accordingly. By indicating that you waive your right of access, you allow your recommender to be more candid.

I, _____, wish to waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation and the material recorded on the recommendation form.

I, _____, *do not* wish to waive my right of access to the letter of recommendation and the material recorded on the recommendation form.

Student Signature: _____ Grade Level in Fall of 2010: _____

Parent Signature: _____ English Teacher's Name: _____

What is AVID?

- Targets students who would be the first in their family to graduate from a university.
- Targets students that are capable of completing a college prep path.
- An in-school academic class that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- Places motivated students in advanced classes and provides support with tutoring.
- Stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.

What AVID isn't...

- A remedial program.
- A free ride.
- A niche program.
- A college outreach program.

TEACHER:	Poor	Fair	Good	Exceptional (Top 10%)	No Basis for Judgment
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Please rate the student to the best of your knowledge. Your honest information will help to determine the future success of this student in the AVID program.

Thank you for your time.

Attribute

Personal Character

Capability of handling obstacles

Personal initiative & responsibility

Completes homework on time

Participation in class

Relationship to peers

Personal motivational level