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Dear Families,

AVID is an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination. Its mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.



South is a Certified AVID School! This means that we have met AVID's implementation expectations to support program effectiveness and student progress, bringing us closer to our goal of closing opportunity gaps and supporting the district's goal of preparing students for post-secondary success!

The AVID Elective is a yearlong 7th and 8th grade elective that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students in an AVID Elective course are provided with skills needed to be successful in advancing academically. For more than 30 years, AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for higher education. AVID Elective is a yearlong elective that will replace other elective(s).

The AVID Elective supports students who 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 peers and/or college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID Elective provides access to information about colleges and universities through guest speakers and campus tours.

AVID Elective students are motivated to do well and are serious about their academic future. Please complete the application, family information, and short answers on the following pages to help us better know your child and family circumstances.

Application process:

Week of January 23	Sign up on Registration Card then a counselor will share the application with you
February 9 by 3 pm	Students submit completed AVID Application **IF you have ANY questions, PLEASE reach out**
February 12-23	Students participate in interviews (Ms. Syverson will contact you via email)

IF you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,
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