



ROLLING MEADOWS HIGH SCHOOL
Advancement Via Individual Determination
School Year 2018-19

Rolling Meadows High School
AVID Program Application
2018-19

Dear Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a program that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout 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 30 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 field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission requirement information.

Students that are interested in the AVID program have to apply and interview with the AVID team. Students should be a student in the academic middle while having college potential, and a desire to work hard.

We prefer students to meet one or more of the following criteria:

- first to attend college in your family
- historically underserved population in a four-year college admissions process
- low income
- special circumstances (this can be for many different situations)

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future.

RMHS AVID will be available on January 10th, 2019 during RMHS Elective Night if you have any questions about the program. Please complete this application and teacher recommendation forms by Friday, February 2nd. Feel free to contact Mr. Wawrzyniak at daniel.wawrzyniak@d214.org with questions.

Sincerely,

Arturo Senteno
AVID Administrator

Daniel Wawrzyniak
AVID Facilitator



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STUDENT: Please complete the following application to be considered as a member of the AVID elective program. Please return your completed application by Friday, February 2nd to the AVID Facilitator at your high school. Final acceptance will be determined upon completion of an interview.

Personal Data

Name: _____
Last First Student I.D.#

Address: _____
Number and Street City and Zip Code

Phone: _____ Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Student Information

This information will assist us in identifying possible candidates who best fit the AVID profile. Please complete the following questionnaire. This information is confidential and will only be used by the AVID site team for placement.

1. Parent/Guardian's Highest Educational Level

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Did not graduate high school | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated high school |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed some college | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated college |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Graduate Education | |

2. Ethnic Background (Mark all that apply.) (optional)

- | | | |
|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/ Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/ Alaska Native |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White/ non-Hispanic | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-racial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

3. School currently attending

- ☐ Holmes ☐ Sandburg ☐ South ☐ Other _____

4. Student gender (optional) ☐ Female ☐ Male

5. Supplemental Criteria: Please record any challenges or circumstances you have faced (optional).

Students who wish to be considered for the AVID program must return this form to



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Mr. Daniel Wawrzyniak (daniel.wawrzyniak@d214.org) by 2/2/19



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Student Name: _____

Student I.D.#: _____

Student Short Answer Questions

1. What do you like the most about school? What do you like least about school? Explain.
2. How often are you absent or tardy to class. Explain.
3. What about the AVID program appeals to you?
4. What makes you a strong candidate for the AVID program?
5. What are your academic goals for the future?
6. Why do you believe college to be important?
7. How do you think your teachers would describe you?
8. Will you be the first member of your family to go to college? If so, how does that make you feel?

To the best of my knowledge, all information is provided on this form is correct. I support my child's interest in joining the AVID program at Rolling Meadows High School.

Student Signature

Parent/ Guardian Signature

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Teacher Recommendation

AVID, Achievement Via Individual Determination, is an elective course for four years at the high school level. This course will prepare students for the rigors of college prep classes by providing study and organizational skills as well as tutorial help from college mentors.

Profile of an AVID student:

- **2.0-3.5 GPA**
- **First student in family to attend college**
- **Highly motivated**

As we prepare to interview candidates, we are gathering as much information as possible about perspective students. Please rate the student from a 0-3 (low-high) for the following characteristics. Please be as honest and helpful as possible. **Please return this form back to Melissa Taylor(taylor.melissa@ccsd59.org) by February 2nd, 2019. Please direct any questions to Daniel Wawrzyniak(daniel.wawrzyniak@d214.org)**

Student's Name: _____ **Recommending Teacher:** _____

Sender school: _____ **Academic class:** _____

Demonstrates motivation and tenacity	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Often (2)	Always (3)
Willingness to work with others	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Often (2)	Always (3)
Acceptable attendance and on time to class	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Often (2)	Always (3)
Seeks help when needed	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Often (2)	Always (3)
Practices good citizenship and classroom behavior	Never (0)	Sometimes (1)	Often (2)	Always (3)

Would you recommend this student for the AVID program? Yes No

***Not all of the nominated students can participate in AVID next year because only a limited number of spaces are available. If you feel that this candidate should definitely be in AVID next year, please explain what makes this candidate exemplary. Accordingly, please let us know of any reservations you may have for a candidate.
