



Winter 2021



Dear Student and Parent(s),

I am very excited for your interest in AVID at East Lake High School! AVID is a program designed to provide academic instruction and support which prepares students for eligibility and success at four-year colleges and universities

Students learn study skills, note taking, reading and writing strategies, collaboration and critical thinking. They are tutored in class every week by college students and participate in many enrichment and motivational activities. Students visit colleges, have the opportunity to hear guest speakers from universities and community members to discuss educational and career opportunities

The AVID Curriculum began in California over 30 years ago and is now in over 1200 schools internationally. Every high school in Pinellas County now offers the AVID program. Developed and refined by teachers and administrators, the AVID instructional program focuses on the following methodologies:

- W** --- Writing as a tool for learning
- I** --- Inquiry (learning to ask probing questions)
- C** --- Collaboration in learning groups
- R** --- Reading as a tool for learning

If you feel you are a candidate for the AVID program, fill out the application on the PCSB Website (<https://www.pcsb.org/AVIDapp>). If you have any questions about the process or the program, I would be more than happy to answer. The easiest way to get in touch is via e-mail at WISEMANH@pcsb.org

Sincerely,

Heather Wiseman

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