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Dear Parent of \_\_\_\_\_,

Your child has been selected to be part of the AVID program for the 2017-18 school year.

**The mission of AVID** is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID is a college readiness system that takes students with the potential and determination to go to college and supports their academic success in rigorous courses. AVID is a course that students can choose as one of their elective classes 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### What Happens in the AVID Elective Class?

Note-taking Skills  
Study Skills  
Organization  
Public Speaking

Working with Others  
Content Tutorials  
College and Career  
Exploration

College Field Trips  
College and Career Guest  
Speakers

### Who is an AVID Student?

Has an interest in taking advanced courses  
Traditionally scores at a 3, 4, or 5 on  
standardized tests

Has a desire to go to college  
Has a desire to learn

### AVID Expectations for Middle School

6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
At least 1 Advanced  
Course  
(Preferably Math)

7<sup>th</sup> Grade  
At least 2 Advanced  
Course  
(1 Preferably Math)

8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
At least 1 High School  
Credit Class and 1  
Advanced Class  
(Preferably Algebra 1)

AVID offers support for your student in their advanced classes through the curriculum taught and tutorials. Twice a week, your student will participate in a tutorial led by a college level tutor.

Not only do AVID middle school students work on building academics, but they also work on building character by participating in service/community projects and go on college tours and team building field trips. These experiences bond the class together so that they become an AVID family and can support each other throughout their academic career.

If AVID sounds right for your student, please fill out the online application which can be found at: [AVID on-line application](http://www.pcsb.org/Page/11580) (or [www.pcsb.org/Page/11580](http://www.pcsb.org/Page/11580))

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your student in AVID!