



The application window has opened for the AVID program for the 2024-2025 school year!

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is a two-year, connections class offered to students who would like to prepare for entrance into a college or university. The curriculum features writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, reading, note-taking, study skills and college/career activities. Students will participate in field trips to colleges and universities. Students must commit to taking notes in classes daily and keeping organized by using their AVID binder. They will be supported in their classes by tutors who are trained in AVID strategies. These strategies will strengthen student preparedness to be able to take more challenging academic courses in middle school, high school, and college. Students will learn from guest speakers in various career fields as they explore options for their future. AVID at Crabapple Middle School is designed to provide academic support for the here and now while preparing students for a smooth transition into high school a couple years from now. AVID students aim to move into advanced courses such as AP, Honors, and dual enrollment in high school.

Today, AVID has been adopted by nearly 4,500 schools in 45 states and the District of Columbia and 16 counties/territories, and serves approximately 400,000 students, grades 4-12. Crabapple Middle School is seeking a select group of **rising 7th grade students** to enroll in the AVID elective during the 2023-2024 school year.

What is the AVID student profile?

AVID criteria requires that students meet the first two criteria below as well as one or more of the following:

- **Highly motivated, demonstrating *individual determination* and responsibility.**
- **Currently performing “in the middle” or below their potential.**
- Grades of A, B or C
- Potential and desire to go to college.
- Mid to high standardized test scores in both Math and English Language Arts.
- Good attendance and behavior record.
- Willing to commit to completing schoolwork.
- Willing to commit to community service.
- Teacher Recommendations
- First in family to attend college
- Come from an underserved population in four-year universities
- Low income
- Special circumstances
- On-level student
- Advanced student who needs academic support to keep up with the rigor of their course load

AVID is NOT:

- An “at-risk” or remedial program
- For students who don’t complete their homework
- For students who consistently display poor behavior

- A program for unmotivated students
- A study hall

How can I apply?

1. Complete the application by 2/9/2024
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwpmdpkMXTjhJlcvPqmSyadxUMEIINUNaUINSQ1AzNE0xREIVVTIDMU84My4u>

What are the next steps?

Each applicant will be interviewed. Information about interview details is forthcoming. The AVID site team at CMS will then gather data about each applicant. The criteria include GPA, attendance, current levels of academic support, citizenship, and teacher recommendations. The applicants with the top 50 scores on the acceptance rubric will be notified of their acceptance. Letters of regret will be sent home as well.

What about current 7th and 8th graders?

If you are a **current 7th grader** and you would like to be considered, please complete the application and email Maggie Nelms nelmsmr@fultonschools.org with your intent to be considered for the 2024-2025 8th grade year. Students will need to go through the interview, and score higher on the rubric than those that were not accepted during their 6th grade year. Space is very limited and acceptances are not guaranteed.

Rising freshmen who plan on attending Roswell High School can apply for the RHS AVID program now! Email Ms. Daniel at daniels2@fultonschools.org for more information.

If I'm in band, chorus, or orchestra, and I am accepted into AVID, can I still take other connections classes?

No, if you are in a performing arts class AND you are accepted in AVID, your connections classes will be full. Please do not apply if this does not suit your desire for your school schedule.

If I'm accepted into AVID and I really love PE, can I take it both semesters, since I'm committing to a connections class that takes up one of my connections slots each semester?

Yes, AVID students may elect to take PE both semesters, in addition to AVID. This would not leave room for other connections classes such as art, business, construction, etc.

If I am accepted into AVID and I'm not in band, chorus, or orchestra, what other connections classes can I take?

You will be randomly placed in a connections class each semester in addition to AVID. Some of the options include graphic design, construction, PE/Health, piano, and business administration.

How many students will be accepted?

Approximately 50 students will be accepted.

When will I find out if I've been accepted or not and how will I find out?

A letter will be delivered to the student during their 8th period class. Letters are typically delivered late March/early April.

What type of information does the AVID site team look at to determine acceptance?

Each student must provide two teachers' names on the application form. These teachers will complete a recommendation form. We will also look at the student's semester 1 grades, standardized test scores if applicable, attendance records, and interview answers.

What colleges will we visit?

Each year the approved field trips vary. In the past years, we have visited UGA, GA Tech, GA State, University of North Georgia, and Kennesaw State University. We have an annual 8th grade trip, AVID Day with the Hawks, which includes attending a college fair at State Farm Arena, as well as a Hawks game.

If I'm accepted as a 7th grader, will I have to apply again as an 8th grader?

No, 7th graders automatically continue in 8th grade. 8th graders DO have to apply to join AVID at Roswell High School.

Can I be kicked out of AVID?

Yes, if a student displaying consistently poor behavior or lack of effort to improve failing grades, a student will be put on probation. If there is not improvement after the probationary period, a student may be removed from the program.

Which teachers can give me a recommendation?

If is preferred that you request a recommendation from your core content teachers, such as math, language arts, science, reading, social studies, or world language.

What do students do in AVID tutorials?

Check out this video for a great summary of AVID tutorials which take place every Tuesday and Thursday in AVID.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OLGILd8Mhs>

Do we have homework in AVID?

Every Monday and Wednesday, AVID students complete a tutorial request form (TRF) in order to prepare for AVID tutorials. The TRF takes about 10 minutes to complete and is where students reflect on a question they need answered from an academic class. Other than TRFs, all projects and units are completed during class time.

What if I have questions that have not yet been answered?

Please email Maggie Nelms, AVID coordinator and elective teacher at nelmsmr@Fultonschools.org