



AVID Application

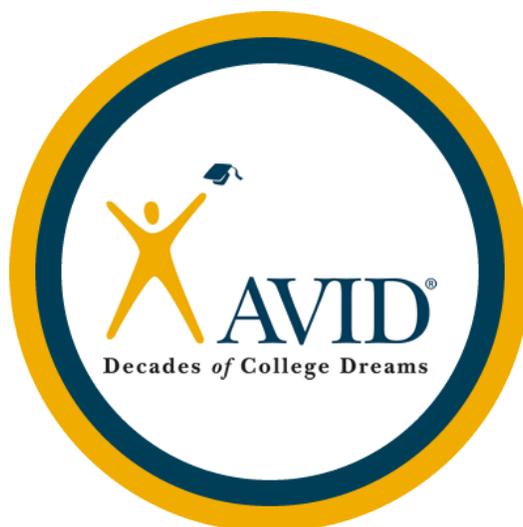
Excelsior Charter Schools 2020-2021

Application Due: May 29th, 2020

Email your complete application to alexb@excelsior.com

After receiving your application, members from the AVID program will contact you to set up an interview.

Contact Alex Borowski, AVID Coordinator, with any application or program questions at the previously listed email.



Application Includes:

- AVID Information
- Student Information
- 2 Teacher Recommendation Forms
- Essay Prompt
- Sample Interview Questions



IS AVID FOR YOU?

What is AVID?

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and is an elective class that prepares students for success in advanced high school classes and college courses.

What are the expectations for AVID Students?

- Commit to the program for at least a full school year
- Daily attendance in the AVID elective
- Great citizenship and at least a “C” average
- Participate in community service projects
- Maintain an organized binder and take notes in core classes
- Participate in weekly tutorials and class work that pushes students to write
- Inquire, collaborate, organize your thinking and read critically
- Take PSAT’s, SAT’s and appropriate courses to complete A-G requirements
- Students are encouraged to take courses of high rigor, which may include dual enrollment at a local college

What are the AVID parent expectations?

AVID Parents should encourage their students to achieve academically, maintain regular contact with their AVID elective teacher and be involved in AVID activities.

What happens in the AVID program?

- Students receive academic instruction in writing, note-taking, studying, testing strategies and organization.
- Students receive academic support from college tutors through collaborative tutorial groups and peer counseling.
- We strive to motivate our AVID students to pursue academic excellence through goal setting activities, rigorous classes, cultural college field trips, classroom guest speakers, extra tutoring and AVID team building.

How do you recognize an AVID student?

The AVID student carries a notebook, takes notes in all classes, is prepared for class, is a positive role model for others, and is “on-track” for college.

What are AVID results?

Over 95% of students who have graduated from AVID programs have enrolled in 4-year colleges and universities. Two years later, 89% are still enrolled.



Student Information

Name: _____ Grade Level _____ (Fall 2020)

Student Email: _____ Student ID # _____

Parent Name(s): _____

Parent Email: _____ Phone # _____

Please Answer the Following Questions:

1) The math class that I am taking this year is _____; my most recent grade was _____.

2) List some extra-curricular activities that you have been involved in.

3) Pick one of the items above and tell us why you choose to participate in this activity. Why is it important to you?

4) What I like most about school is...

5) What I like least about school is...



AVID PARENT/STUDENT REQUEST

For administrative purposes, we would appreciate your filling out the following information. We use these numbers to document equity and diversity within the program. The AVID Center also uses this data for its world-wide statistical reports. This section of the application is optional and will have no bearing on whether or not you are accepted into the AVID program.

Student name: _____

1. Which ethnic group do you, the student, represent?

American Indian or Alaskan Native

Asian or Pacific Islander

Hispanic

Black, not of Hispanic origin

White, not of Hispanic origin

Bi-racial or Multi-racial _____

2. Are you entitled to free or reduced lunch? Yes No

3. What language is spoken most frequently in the home? _____

4. What is the highest level of education achieved by this student's parent(s)?

Please mark one X in each column	Mother	Father
Unknown		
Did not complete high school		
High School diploma or equivalent		
Some college or post-secondary training		
Completed college or post-secondary training		



Essay Prompt

Write a short essay below about a time that you had a goal. Tell us about the lessons you learned in trying to achieve this goal. Did you accomplish your goal? Why or why not? How can what you learned from this goal be applied to your future goals?



SAMPLE AVID INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

*You do NOT have to bring this with you OR turn it in. It is provided to help you prep for your interview.

- 1) What have you accomplished that has made you proud of yourself?
- 2) What is your strongest subject? Why?
- 3) What is your weakest subject? Why?
- 4) When, where and how much time do you spend on your schoolwork and study time?
- 5) Give an example of something you struggled with over the past year.
- 6) Give an example of a time you showed great commitment.
- 7) How organized are you with your schoolwork?
- 8) How motivated are you to achieve your goals?
- 9) How well do you stick with tasks you have started?
- 10) How would others describe you?
- 11) Why do you want to go to college after high school? Why do your parents want you to go to college? What do you discuss at home about college?
- 12) Why would AVID be helpful to you?