Dear parents,

 **“Why AVID for your child”**

**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 6th, 7th, and 8th 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**

6th Grade

At least 1 Advanced Course

(Preferably Math)

7th Grade

At least 2 Advanced Course

(1 Preferably Math)

8th Grade

At least 1 High School Credit Class and 1 Advanced Class

(Preferably Algebra 1)

\*\*Research has shown that the easiest path to college success is to take Algebra in 8th grade. We are preparing our students to be ready for Algebra by taking advanced math in 6th grade and 7th grade.

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. Who better to talk about college than an actual college student?

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!

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