

Cascade Middle School, Auburn School District WA



Dear Cascade Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a sixth through twelfth grade national program that prepares students in the **academic middle** for admission to a four-year college or university upon graduation from high school.

Students enroll in the AVID elective course throughout middle school and high school, which provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college and or working towards career readiness. For more than 25 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education. AVID is a national program and we're lucky to have it here in WA State and the ASD.

The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, and writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are at times led by college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission requirement information. The class also places emphasis on career exploration so that students upon graduation are ready to decide if postsecondary education or entering the workforce is right for them.

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. Based on grades, teacher recommendations, and state test results, your child may be an ideal candidate for the AVID program at Cascade Middle School. Students must apply and interview to be accepted into the program.

Sincerely,

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