

STOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents:

We would like to invite your child to apply for the AVID program. The AVID program is dedicated to helping students achieve their goals of going to college. Students enrolled in the program will take the AVID Elective class which is held during the school day and provides support, academic monitoring, and tutoring. WICOR, the learning support structure of AVID incorporates teaching and learning methods in the critical areas of **Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading.**

Once a student is accepted to the AVID program there are several requirements that they must meet. Each AVID student carries a binder in which he or she is required to keep materials from all academic classes. Students keep track of assignments in their planner and are required to take notes in all academic classes. The binders are graded weekly for content and organization. Led by tutors, students participate in tutorial groups in the AVID classroom. In addition, students are taught study skills, test preparation, time management, and the writing process.

The AVID tutors are college students who receive training in the methodologies used in AVID. They are in the classroom weekly to serve as models and to help students achieve success in rigorous classes. They are trained not to give students answers but rather to guide them toward answers.

Communication between the AVID teacher and parents/guardians is essential. The AVID teacher will contact parents/guardians to share their student's progress. Any information that parents can share with the AVID teacher is greatly appreciated.

An application for the program is included with this letter. To help answer any questions you may have about the AVID program, we are holding an information meeting in the Stout Middle School Activity Room H-2 at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21. Additional information about the AVID program can also be found at www.avid.org or on our school I-blog. **Applications for the AVID program should be submitted to the main office by Wednesday, May 22.**

We hope your child will choose to apply to this exciting program. We look forward to working with you this new school year.

Sincerely,

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