



## Buffalo Community Middle School Advancement Via Individual Determination 2019-2020

Dear Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a seventh through twelfth grade elective course that prepares students in the **academic middle** for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout middle school and high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 37 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID System is the AVID elective. This is a class that supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes as they complete middle school and move on to high school. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-readiness culture. The class also includes Tutorials, which are highly structured study groups lead by tutors that provide support for success in 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.

**AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well** and who are serious about their academic future. BCMS has space available for 25 seventh graders and 50 eighth graders for the 2019-2020 school year. We recruit students based on self nomination, staff recommendation, grade point average, and state test results. If you feel your child would benefit from any of the previously stated supports AVID provides, please have your student complete the application, family information, and short answers attached on the email to help us better know your child and family circumstances. There are copies at the school for your child to pick up if you would like hard copies.

Application process:

- January 23 - Letter out to teachers and parents for student recommendation
- February 28 - Informational meeting for students during Prime Time
- March 7 - Informational meeting for parents/students during conferences (beginning at 6 pm & 7pm in the media center)
- March 14 - Applications, family information, and short answer form due to Ms. Scherer
- March 20-22 - Student interviews
- Week of April 15-19 - Letter of status sent out

All information shared will be used for recruitment and selection of AVID students and will be held confidential. If you would prefer to share this information in person or have additional questions prior to completing the attached forms, please contact Megan Scherer, AVID Coordinator via email ([mscherer@bhmschools.org](mailto:mscherer@bhmschools.org)) or phone (763.682.8274).

Sincerely,

Principal: Matt Lubben

Site Coordinator: Megan Scherer