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CEDAR HILL ISD ACCEPTING AVID APPLICATIONS

Are you interested in fast-tracking your scholar's academic achievement? Cedar Hill ISD is expanding its Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program to incoming sixth-graders at Permenter and Bessie Coleman Middle Schools and ninth-graders entering Cedar Hill High School.

The AVID elective class is designed to increase student achievement, writing skills, and group learning skills. AVID is for all scholars, but it places a special emphasis on helping average-to-good scholars into being great scholars. AVID's activities include interacting with tutors, celebrating academic achievement, grade management, success strategies, college application assistance, college visits, and career planning.

"As Cedar Hill ISD embarks upon expanding AVID to our comprehensive campuses, parents should know that this program is designed with their child in mind," CHISD Director of State & Federal Programs, Lawrence Galloway, said. "AVID is a program that supports education's mission for equity and equality. AVID can and will support any parent who feels their scholar could use additional support academically."

The District is currently accepting applications for incoming sixth-graders and ninth-grade scholars. The ideal AVID scholar has average to high test scores, a grade point average of 2.0 to 3.5, and shows college potential with support. In addition, they should also be the first in their family to attend college, be a part of a group that is historically underserved in four-year colleges, come from low-income families, or have special circumstances.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), CHISD's AVID process has transitioned to online applications. There will be a virtual informational meeting from 1-2 p.m. on Friday, March 27. Interested families are asked to visit chisd.net/CHISDAVID for a link to the online informational.

Virtual campus interviews will take place on the following days at the following campuses:

Bessie Coleman Middle School:
Wed., April 1 - 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Permenter Middle School:



Wed., April 1 - Moderately Flexible Times
Thurs., April 2- Moderately Flexible Times

Collegiate Academy & High School:

Tues., March 31 - 8-11 a.m. and 12-3 p.m.

Cedar Hill High School:

Mon., April 6 - Moderately Flexible Times
Wed., April 8 - Moderately Flexible Times

Scholars who complete their application will be notified of their virtual interview meeting time and date.

Students and families that may have already completed and turned in an application to their current campus can email Cheryl Krueger at cheryl.krueger@chisd.net or Lawrence Galloway lawrence.galloway@chisd.net to schedule an interview. Students and families who want to complete an application for AVID may do so at chisd.net/CHISDAVID. Completed applications must be emailed to cheryl.krueger@chisd.net or lawrence.galloway@chisd.net by Friday, April 10.

The AVID Program was adopted by CHISD in 2015 at Collegiate Prep and Collegiate Academy campuses; it has since expanded to Cedar Hill Collegiate High School. Approximately 560 scholars are enrolled in the program, including 10 percent of each grade level at Collegiate Academy and Cedar Hill Collegiate High School. At both campuses, the majority of staff have been trained on AVID Strategies.

“Thus far, the results have been very good,” Galloway said. “All three campuses have shown documented academic growth and a dedicated college-going culture.”