

PRACTICE / SAMPLE AVID INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

These are for you to prepare for the interview only.

****Do not include with application****

What is AVID?

Advancement Via *Individual Determination*

- You have to want to achieve, not your parents, teachers, friends - YOU!
- Class setup
 - ▶ notes *everyday*, in *every class* for *every year* in high school
 - ▶ lectures on organization, study, and communication skills
 - ▶ In-depth preparation for college (exams, guest speakers, life...)
 - ▶ Weekly tutorial sessions led by college students
- Emphasis on Writing, Questioning, Reading and Group Collaboration
- Binder checks and progress reports

Please write answers to the following questions.

1. What have you done *in and/or outside of school* that has made you most proud? (Include awards, recognition, community service, etc.)
2. What is your strongest subject in school?
3. What is your *weakest* subject in school? How do you try to improve in this area?
4. When, where and about how much time to you spend studying at home per night? TV/computer/video games? What do you do in your spare time?
5. Give an example of something you really struggled with over the past year.
6. Give an example of a time you showed great commitment.
7. AVID takes consistent work and routine organization.
Rate yourself from 1-5 (5 being great) and please explain your answers.
_____ How organized are your binders/materials? _____
_____ How motivated are you to achieve your goals? _____
_____ How well do you stick with tasks you have started? _____
_____ How motivated would your parents say you are? _____
_____ How willing are you to attend summer school? _____
8. How would people describe you? Your parents? Friends? Strangers?
9. In AVID, you are expected to work very hard. Are you willing to study at least two hours nightly? _____
10. When things don't go your way, how do you handle it? (i.e. blame others or make excuses). Give examples.
11. When you feel a teacher is treating you unfairly, how do you handle it?
12. Why do you want to go to a 4-year college immediately following high school? Why do your parents want you to go to college? What do you and your parents discuss about college?
13. List the people who live in your house.
14. Of the people who live in your house, who has graduated from a 4-year university in the United States?
15. What do you want to be when you're an adult?
16. Are there any situations in your life that make it difficult to study or do well with school work? Explain.
17. Are you willing to take the AVID elective for 1 period per day for 4 years?
18. Why would AVID be helpful to you?