

# ***GREAT NECK MIDDLE SCHOOL***

## **AVID Student Application**

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Dear Family,

The AVID Elective is a 6th through 12th grade component of the AVID Secondary System that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID Elective course throughout middle and high school providing them the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. The AVID Elective supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study, note-taking, time management, writing, and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. Students refine and develop these skills through a multi-year curriculum. The elective class also includes tutoring sessions led by college students and provides 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.

Application process:

- December 6, 2017      Rising Sixth Grade Informational meeting - AVID specific information will be presented in room 123.
- January 9, 2018      Students turn in completed application to home school counselor
- January 9, 2018      Teachers submit recommendation form to counselor
- January 16, 2017      Counselors return all applications to Great Neck
- January 24-25, 2018      Students participate in student interviews at their home school
- February 5, 2018      Letters mailed home to applicants

All information shared on this form will be used for recruitment and will be held confidential.

Sincerely,

Christi Lyons  
GNMS AVID Site Coordinator



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**Student Short Answer Questions:** Answers should be at least three sentences and must be written in blue or black ink in the **student's handwriting**.

- 1. What are your strengths as a student? What are your weaknesses? Explain.**

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- 2. What are your academic goals for the future? Why do you believe college is important?**

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- 3. What is the biggest challenge you have overcome and how did you do it?**

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- 4. How do you think you will benefit from the AVID elective? What will YOU bring to the AVID program?**

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### **Classroom Teacher Recommendation (Current Content Teacher Only)**

**Please return this form to the AVID site coordinator or your school counselor (elementary teachers) by January 9, 2018.**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommending Teacher Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Check the appropriate box</b>	<b>Yes, this student has this characteristic.</b>	<b>No, this student does not have this characteristic.</b>
1. Individual Determination (intrinsically motivated)		
2. Collaborative		
3. Positive Attitude		
4. Completes Assignments		
5. Strong Organizational Skills		

**Do you believe this student is capable of succeeding in one or more advanced class(es) with the support of the AVID elective? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**Why or why not?**

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