

**Fairmont Junior High School**  
**AVID National Demonstration School**



**AVID Student/Parent Information Page**

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are happy to inform you that your child has shown interest or has been recommended to apply for Fairmont's *Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)* program. Fairmont has earned the distinction of becoming one of only 2% of all AVID schools to be designated as a National Demonstration School, so your child has the opportunity of enrolling in one of the best AVID programs in the nation.

AVID is a special program that helps students prepare to get into college and be successful once they get there. Lots of students want to go to college; this class shows you exactly what you have to do to get into college and be successful there. AVID helps students improve their writing, reading, math, organization skills, and study skills that are so necessary for success in college and in professional careers. In AVID, students will receive extra tutoring, career and college counseling, extensive academic instruction, and a lot of extra work to do. Students will be placed in accelerated classes and will be working with other students who are working towards going to college and succeeding.

**If you and your child are interested in this challenging and rewarding class, please fill out and return the attached Parent Information Sheet and Student AVID Application.**

After your child's application is handed in, at least one member of our AVID site team will interview your child. We will review the application prior to the interview. In our final selection, we will consider the following criteria:

Teacher Recommendation	GPA
Application	Behavior Records
Interview	Work Ethic
ISAT scores	Motivation/ Desire
Attendance	AVID Profile (Students in the middle)

If you have other questions about the program, please contact your child's counselor, Brian Walker (Principal), Paul Altorfer (AVID Elect Teacher), Cathy Sellars (AVID Elect Teacher), Fred Ritsema (AVID Elect Teacher) or Niki Jones (AVID Elect Teacher) at Fairmont (854-4790).

Please keep this copy for your records

**Fairmont Jr. High**  
**AVID Parent Information Sheet**  
**2015/2016**

Please return the Parent Information Sheet and Student AVID Application to your counselor or to any AVID Elect Teacher. Applications are due **March 20, 2015**.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(S): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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1. Did you graduate from college? Yes or No
  2. If you answered "yes" to the question above, please list the degrees and the institutions from which they were earned.
  3. What do you see as your child's strengths?
  4. In what areas do you see your child needing support?
  5. How do you see your child benefiting from the AVID Program?

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Fairmont Jr. High Student AVID Application Due: Friday, March 20, 2015

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If you are interested in this challenging and rewarding class, please fill out this application. You will be contacted for an interview.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher(s) who know you best:

\_\_\_\_\_

What Elementary school did you attend?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to graduate from High School? Yes No

Do you plan to graduate from college? Yes No

Did your parents graduate from college? Yes No

Please answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

What do you like most about school? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you like least about school? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is your strongest academic area? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What do you think is your weakest academic area? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you wish to be in the AVID program? \_\_\_\_\_

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How much time do you spend studying at home? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why do you want to go to college? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to do in the future? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In what subject areas do you think you might like to major in college and/or following college? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What college would you like to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

What kind of special help do you think you might need in the AVID program?

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What else would you like us to know about you that will help us to evaluate your candidacy for the AVID program? \_\_\_\_\_

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Circle AVID T-Shirt size (if selected for the program) S M L XL XXL

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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