

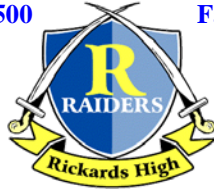
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August 4, 2023

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations!!! You have been enrolled in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) college preparatory program for the 2023-2024 school year. Our nationally certified AVID program has had great success during our 14-year tenure and we look forward to you carrying on that tradition of excellence. AVID is a college readiness system with the mission of closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and success in a global society. We focus on students in the “academic middle” and place them on a track for higher education offering tutoring during class twice each week as well as college and career readiness opportunities. Our program is an **academic elective course** that offers continuous progress monitoring for students. Our program is **not a remedial course**, but is one that pushes students to strive to reach their maximum potential.

For the past 12 out of 14 years, our program has graduated 100% of our students and last year secured over \$2,000,000 in scholarships. Our students have been accepted to many prestigious Colleges and Universities throughout Florida and abroad having great success.

Our AVID Team consists of Mrs. Johnnie Mae Engram, engramj@leonschools.net (9th Grade), Mr. Seddrick Holloway, holloways@leonschools.net (9th Grade), Ms. Odiria Biggins, bigginso@leonschools.net (10th Grade), and Mr. Earl Hankerson, hankerson@leonschools.net (11th & 12th Grade). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and visit www.avid.org for more details. We are anticipating a great year and look forward to great success.

2023 AVID FEE / \$20 / Due September 8th

Includes AVID T-Shirt. All students participating in Field Trips, must purchase and wear the AVID T-shirt. Students that have been assigned OSS will not be allowed to attend Field Trips. Students assigned ISD more than one time will not be allowed to attend.

T-Shirt Size _____

Sincerely,

Earl Hankerson, AVID Coordinator

***What Students Will Need	***Parent Permission Form
2” Binder Set of Dividers (24 tabbed dividers) Pencil Pouch Pencils/Pens Highlighters 3 Hole puncher (for home) Scientific Calculator (if required by Math teacher) Paper Spiral Notebook	Please include me on the AVID Parent email list. Parent Name: _____ Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone Contact: _____

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IMPORTANT DATES (SENIORS ONLY)

August 15, 2023 COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINS

STUDENTS WILL NEED:

COPY OF PARENTS DRIVER LICENSE

VOTER REGISTRATION

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

(THESE ARE NEEDED FOR RESIDENCY PURPOSES ONLY; DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO SCHOOL; SIMPLY TAKE A PHOTO FOR REFERENCE)

DECEMBER 1, 2023 APPLICATION WINDOW FOR FINANCIAL AID OPENS

STUDENTS WILL NEED:

PARENTS 2021 AND 2022 TAX RETURNS. PLEASE GATHER THESE DOCUMENTS IMMEDIATELY.

FINANCIAL TIPS:

SAVE FUNDS FOR COLLEGE DEPOSITS THAT MAY RANGE FROM \$250-\$750.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR SENIOR FEES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

\$35-\$40 AVID Graduation Stole (Online purchase ONLY; will be set at a later date)

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T-shirt sizes will be noted upon payment. All students must have the required AVID T-shirt in order to participate on campus tours. This is requirement to ensure safety and shirts must be worn. No additional shirts will be ordered after the deadline. Thanks.

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