

The AVID Corner

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

The staff at Holabird is excited to announce that we have a new program for the 2017-2018 school year called AVID. The AVID program is a school-wide program that also contains an AVID elective class. Holabird has also been given the honor to be the first school in the county to have AVID in the Elementary grades. AVID is a rigorous program that has shown to benefit all students for over 30 years. Those 8th grade students who made the choice to be in the AVID elective went through an extensive process to be selected to take AVID. AVID also believes that its strategies can help all students, even those not in the AVID elective. To demonstrate this, here is AVID's mission statement:

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and career readiness and success in a global society.

The foundation of AVID is WICOR, which stands for: **W**riting, **I**nquiry, **C**ollaboration, **O**rganization, and **W**riting. Throughout the year, all students at Holabird will be taught to use WICOR strategies in all of their classes.

The first school-wide initiative for grades 6-8 will be use of the AVID WICOR strategy for Organization. The expectation will be that all students come to school daily prepared to learn with the appropriate supplies, organized binder, and a charged device. Please examine the attached worksheet titled "How do I set up my binder?" that all students will receive through a binder organization lesson in their Social Studies class on September 11th or 12th. If your child has lost any of the worksheets that are expected to be in their binder, I have also attached them for you to copy at home.

If you have any questions about AVID in grades 6-8, please contact Timothy Endlich and for grades 4 and 5 please contact Karen Ballard. Both teacher can be reached at the main school number 410 887-7049.