

AVID Summer Activities

Summer is an important time for students to explore college interests or build their skills in preparation for college admission. Your senior year is quickly approaching, so this is your last summer to prepare yourself for college and scholarships.

Suggestions for what you can do during summer break to prepare for college:

- Revising your college essay (remember that your colleges may have different essays, so you may want to write multiple essays)
- Visiting colleges that you have not visited before
- Service learning – community service is needed for graduation, but is also something that can build your resume or give you something to discuss in your application essay
- Work experience
- SAT/ACT prep – remember, you will probably be taking one of these tests again during your senior year – don't waste 2 months when you need to get those scores up!
- Research scholarships – you may even find some that you can apply to now!
- Work on the Common Application, or see if you can start filling out school-specific applications

During the first week of school: You will be asked to write a 1-2 page reflection detailing what you did this summer to prepare for college admissions. Be prepared to reflect upon your experience – how will it help you? what was difficult? what did you enjoy? what do you still need to do?

If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Miller or email me at cmiller16@bcps.org

Requirements for AVID 12

AVID seniors are expected to continue keeping up with AVID course requirements (Cornell Notes, Tutorials, binder organization, use of planner/agenda)

These components will continue to be a large portion of grades in AVID and are requirements to stay in the course.

There are additional requirements (such as behavior, attendance, and grades) that are also required. As in years past, you and your student will be required to sign an AVID Student Agreement during the first week of school as a contract for being in the program.

At the end of the school year, seniors in AVID receive honor cords for completing the program as a distinction of honor for graduation. If a student does not adhere to the requirements and expectations of the program, they may not receive this honor cord for graduation.

Students are expected to be enrolled in a college-readiness course – AP or Dual Enrollment in CCBC.

This was explained to students when they registered for courses in junior year. The AVID program has this requirement so that students are better prepared for the rigor of college level courses, and so that their schedules are appropriately challenging for college applications.

If you are not currently registered for an AP or Dual Enrollment, please make an appointment to see your counselor ASAP.

Seniors enrolled in AVID are required to apply to FOUR 4-year colleges or universities.

Please remember that the AVID program is a COLLEGE READINESS program. Therefore, our goal is to prepare students for 4-year universities. The primary goal should be to get in to 4-year schools. CCBC is a great option for students, but should be a secondary plan for our AVID students. Much of our time this year in AVID will be spent completing applications during class. Therefore, it is REQUIRED that students will apply to 4-year schools.

Keep in mind that college applications cost money. Students are encouraged to look for free applications (some schools give waivers if you take a campus tour, coaches often offer waivers to athletes, and there are many schools who offer free online applications). Applying to schools who take the Common Application or the HBCU Common Application may be another way to reduce costs.

Additionally, some students will qualify for fee waivers (especially if they qualified through College Board for the SAT). See your counselor if you think you qualify for a fee waiver.

Seniors should be taking the SAT and/or ACT at least one more time in the fall to improve their scores before sending in college applications.

Students all took the SAT in April 2019, and may have taken the SAT or ACT in June 2019. It is highly recommended that students take the SAT and/or ACT again in their senior year (August, September, or October). If a student wishes to take additional tests, then they are responsible for paying the registration fees, or for securing fee waivers from their guidance counselor.

Students will continue to take Cornell Notes, keep a binder/planner, and participate in weekly tutorials, as well as maintain the expectations of the AVID Student Agreement – 2.0 GPA, good attendance, no behavior issues.

- **AVID 12 students MUST be enrolled in an AP course and/or Dual Enrollment course at CCBC during senior year.**
- **Seniors are expected to apply to at least 4 four-year colleges (AVID is a college prep program). You may also apply to two-year schools.**