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Dear Interested Candidates and Parents/Guardians:

Thank you for your interest in the AVID program at Pedro Menendez High School. AVID is a college preparatory program that gives students the skills they will need to become successful college students. Please read this entire application, which includes an application and two teacher reference letters, so you have a good grasp of the expectations and guidelines of the AVID program at PMHS.

To be a successful AVID student, your child will need to commit a good deal of time and energy to his/her studies. AVID students average 1.5-2 hours of additional homework per night. The AVID class will include the following: keeping a detailed and comprehensive notebook for all classes, taking 2-4 pages of notes per class per week, working on a weekly basis in small groups with tutors, taking field trips to local colleges and universities, and learning from guest speakers while engaging in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.

AVID is aimed at those students that will benefit the most from extra time and course work to ensure acceptance into a 4-year college or university. The requirements that the AVID team at PMHS will consider include a GPA between 2.0 and 3.5, a desire to attend college, a strong attendance record, and an ability to work with others. If accepted, your student will progress through the AVID program with the same students and teacher for all four years.

We are very excited to meet with all of you and hope that AVID is a good fit for your student and family. Thank you for your interest. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Flagler Hospital Health
Career Academy



The AVID Program



International
Baccalaureate Program



Vystar Business
& Finance Academy



Academy of Architectural
& Building Sciences

Pedro Menendez High School AVID Application 2017-18

Please Print

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work/Cell Phone: _____

Were you in AVID? Yes No Year (please circle) 6 7 8

On a separate sheet of paper respond to the following essay prompt.

College acceptance is not guaranteed. Briefly explain your commitment to college acceptance and why you are willing to work hard in order to prepare for college.

In addition to submitting an application, students must sit for a personal interview that will last approximately 15 minutes.

*Interviews will be conducted on **Wednesday, February 15th** in the Media Center at Menendez High School between **3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Interviews will be on a first come first serve basis so there is no need to call for an appointment. Parents/guardians will meet separately at this time to receive information and sign AVID contracts.*

This is the only notice of the interviews that you will receive. Please mark your calendars.

Please attach a copy of your most recent report card to the application.

Participation in AVID includes the following requirements:

- Study at least two hours each day. Complete all homework assignments.
- Maintain an AVID binder. Take notes in all classes and keep track of all assignments.
- Participate in AVID tutorial groups.
- Participate in AVID field trips and required activities.
- Take a rigorous college preparatory curriculum.
- Maintain an acceptable GPA and meet AVID expectations.
- Complete requirements for and be accepted to a 4-year college or university.
- Attend class regularly.

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Dear Teacher,

The AVID program at PMHS is looking for new recruits to enroll in a rigorous college prep program that will help students build organizational and academic skills. As you may know, AVID is for students who will benefit from additional supports and organizational skills and who maintain a GPA between 2.0-3.5. Please take a few moments and complete this recommendation form as completely and honestly as possible. Thank you for your help.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Classes taught: English Math Science Social Studies

Approximate grade: _____

On a scale of 1-5, please rate this student on the following.

Ability to work with others: _____

Work habits: _____

Organization: _____

Attendance: _____

Positive attitude: _____

Desire to succeed academically: _____

Ability to communicate w/teachers _____

Additional Comments:

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher Signature: _____

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