2019-2020 AVID
Recruitment Packet

We are currently accepting applications for the class of 2022 and 2023.
Dear Potential AVID Families,

We excitedly anticipate the enrollment of your child at Pikesville High School in the fall of 2019. College-readiness for all students is one of the key missions of Pikesville High School and we look forward to working with you and your student towards the achievement of college dreams.

Pikesville High School offers a premiere four year college preparatory course, Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, to students in the academic middle. AVID is an international nonprofit that prepares students for admission to four-year colleges and universities. Students take an AVID elective course during the regular school day throughout all four years of high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 35 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective class, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes. Students are taught study skills, note taking, time management, writing and research skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by college students and provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities, and college admission requirement information.

Pikesville High School AVID has been a highly certified AVID site since 2003 and this year became one of only two AVID National Demonstration Schools in Maryland. The PHS AVID class of 2019 earned over $2.6 million in scholarships and grants. 100% of PHS AVID scholars in the class of 2017 were accepted to four year colleges and universities.

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. Whether your child participated in AVID or not in middle school, we invite him/her to apply online at www.tinyurl.com/PikesvilleHighSchoolAVID.

Application process:
- May 21st—AVID Information and Application Sessions held at Pikesville Middle School
- May 23rd—AVID Interviews held at Pikesville Middle School
- June 17th—admissions decisions mailed to all applicants

All information shared on this form will be used for recruitment and selection of AVID students and will be held confidential. If you have additional questions, please contact me at mlabricciosa@bcps.org.

Sincerely,

Molly LaBricciosa
Pikesville High School AVID Coordinator
Are You AVID?

Start here.

Do you want to go to college?

Yes

Do you want to attend a 4 year college?

Yes

Are you willing to work hard during high school to prepare you for college?

Yes

Are you willing to push yourself to take rigorous courses throughout high school?

Yes

Are you determined to be successful academically?

Yes

Do you see the benefit in working with others?

Yes

Do you want to be a part of a Pikesville High School family of teachers and students who push each other to be successful during all 4 years of high school?

Yes

Congratulations! You embody the characteristics of an AVID Scholar! You are encouraged to apply online at tinyurl.com/PikesvilleHighSchoolAVID

Questions? Email Mrs. LaBricciosa at mlabricciosa@bcps.org
Pikesville High validated as AVID National Demonstration School

BCPS now claims the only 2 AVID Demonstration High Schools in Maryland
– Pikesville, New Town

TOWSON, MD. – Pikesville High School has been validated as an AVID National Demonstration School. The designation means that the school will serve as a teaching and learning center for educators interested in learning about the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) college readiness system.

Only approximately 150 other schools across the nation and from 16 other countries/territories have been selected through an application process, screening, and site visits to serve as AVID National Demonstration Schools. The only two AVID National Demonstration High Schools in Maryland are Baltimore County schools – Pikesville High and New Town High (which was validated in 2016). (The only other AVID National Demonstration School in Maryland is an Anne Arundel County middle school.)

According to AVID, National Demonstration Schools demonstrate an ongoing pursuit of excellence, both in the AVID Elective and AVID Schoolwide, to ensure college readiness for all AVID Elective students and improved academic performance for all students based on increased opportunities, rigor, high expectations, and support for success.

“This is a huge accomplishment for Pikesville High and for Baltimore County Public Schools,” said Interim Superintendent Verletta White. “This designation affirms the commitment of Principal Sandra Reid, the school’s AVID coordinator Molly LaBricciosa, and the entire school staff to ensuring that all students are well-prepared for college and career success.”
For the past two years, Pikesville High has been coached by the AVID Center program manager and the BCPS AVID District Leadership Team in preparation for becoming the newest AVID National Demonstration School in Maryland. The designation was announced on April 2 during a visit of AVID’s evaluation team.

BCPS has 22 high schools, 22 middle schools, and 1 elementary school implementing the AVID College Readiness System. Ten additional elementary schools and 4 additional middle schools are preparing to implement AVID in the 2019-2020 school year.

AVID is a nonprofit organization that changes lives by helping schools shift to a more equitable, student-centered approach. AVID trains 70,000 educators annually to close the opportunity gap, so they can prepare all students for college, careers, and life. More than 6,000 schools rely on AVID to transform the lives of nearly 2 million students each year.

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(Reporters, editors, producers — A photo from the event accompanies this release. Additional photos can be found at and downloaded from the [BCPS Flickr site](http://bcpsflickr.com).)

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**Baltimore County Public Schools**, the nation’s 25th largest school system, emphasizes literacy across all subject areas and warm, healthy school climates to prepare every student for college and careers. Thanks to innovative and talented leaders, teachers, and staff, BCPS celebrates **many honors**.
Be an AVIDcate!

Pikesville High School AVID needs family volunteers for the following roles:

• AVID Site Team members—come to our monthly meetings!
• Guest speakers!
• Field trip chaperones!
• Event helpers!
• Program donors and sponsors!
• Scholarship donors!
• Service learning project coordinators!
• Parent representatives at AVID events!

If you are interested in being a Pikesville High School AVIDcate, please return the bottom portion to Mrs. LaBricciosa

Student’s Name: _________________________________________ Grade Level: ___________
Parent’s Name: _____________________________ Phone Number: ______________________
Email address: _____________________________________________

Please check which role(s) you are interested in contributing towards:

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○ Guest speakers!
○ Field trip chaperones!
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○ Parent representatives at AVID events!
○ Other: ______________________
Over $2.6 MILLION DOLLARS awarded to PHS AVID class of 2019!

Are you college-bound?

Pikesville High School AVID is now accepting applications for incoming freshmen!

Now accepting applications! Apply online today at www.tinyurl.com/PikesvilleHighSchoolAVID

100% acceptance into 4 year colleges and universities!
AVID Fast Facts

2017 AVID Seniors Applying to and Getting Accepted Into a Four-Year College

- 88% apply to four-year colleges
- 79% are accepted into four-year colleges

2017 AVID Seniors Completing Four-Year College Entrance Requirements

- Hispanic or Latino: 93%
- Black or African American: 94%
- White (Not Hispanic): 93%
- Asian: 94%
- Other*: 92%

*Other includes American Indian or Alaska Native students, students of two or more races, and students who declined to state.

AVID students have a strong work ethic when it comes to college readiness, with 9 out of every 10 completing the courses necessary to get into four-year colleges.

PERSISTING IN COLLEGE

AVID students continue into their second year of college at a higher rate than the U.S. overall.

AVID: 85%
U.S.: 78%

AVID and U.S. Persistence Into the Second Year of College (Fall 2015 to Fall 2016)

- Hispanic or Latino: 85%
- Black or African American: 82%
- White (Not Hispanic): 79%
- Other*: 68%

*Other includes Asian, American Indian, or Alaska Native students, students of two or more races, and students who declined to state.

AVID and U.S. graduation rate from first institution attended for bachelor’s degree-seeking students at a 4-year college

- Hispanic or Latino: 73%
- Black or African American: 82%
- White (Not Hispanic): 79%
- Other*: 68%

AVID students slash the achievement gap in half (gap of 15 pts).

NOTE: U.S. = Most recent data from U.S. Dept. of Ed. displayed (2009 college enrollment). Results vary stable for past 4-5 years w/ only 1-2 pt. differences.