



Greenwood School District 50  
Emerald High School  
Application Process for AVID  
Advancement via Individual Determination

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APPLICATIONS DUE: January 30, 2015, late applications will not be accepted.

INSTRUCTIONS: Mail or hand deliver application to Cathy S. Chalmers, PO Box 248, Greenwood, SC 29648.

WHAT YOU NEED FOR A COMPLETED APPLICATION:

Application Form (parent/student responsibility)

Writing Sample (parent/student responsibility)

Letter of Recommendation (parent/student/teacher/guidance responsibility)

- Retain this copy for your records. Please contact Cathy S. Chalmers at 864-941-5412 or [chalmersc@gwd50.org](mailto:chalmersc@gwd50.org) for additional information.
- Status letters will be mailed to parents and students April 2, 2015.

**AVID**  
**Greenwood School District 50**  
*Advancement via Individual Determination*  
**Emerald High School**  
150 By-Pass 225  
Greenwood South Carolina 29646  
864-941-5412

**Greenwood School District 50 is honored to offer an  
AVID Program for ninth grade students.**

All student applicants should be eligible to attend school in Greenwood School District 50 and zoned to attend Emerald High School. Acceptance is based on application, interview, and availability of space in the program. If the number of qualifying applicants exceeds space, a waiting list will be developed. Vacancies that may occur after the selection process, but prior to the beginning of the school year will be filled from an existing wait list.

**To Apply:**

**The following information must be completed and returned by January 30, 2015:**

**Step 1-** Completed application with attached writing sample.

**Step 2-** A letter of recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor. The student or parent is responsible for asking the teacher or guidance counselor to write a Letter of Recommendation.

**Step 3-** Application and writing sample (Step 1) must be returned to **Cathy Chalmers, Greenwood School District 50, PO Box 248, Greenwood, SC 29648** by January 30, 2015. The teacher will complete letter of recommendation and the student information form and return the letter and form to the principal.

**Step 4-** The principal will sign and return the letter of recommendation and student information form to Cathy Chalmers, Magnet School Program Director, at the District Office by January 23, 2015.

**Step 5-** The application process will include a student interview with program staff. The student's interview will be conducted during school hours at the middle school the student attends.

**Interviews for 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will occur on the following dates:**

March 9 Northside    March 10 Brewer    March 12 Westview

**AVID Rising Ninth Grade Application      PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

**ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED.**

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Were you in AVID during middle school? \_\_\_\_Yes      \_\_\_\_No

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents/Guardians:

Father: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents'/Guardians' Place of Employment:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Zoned School: \_\_\_\_\_

Other schools that student has attended: \_\_\_\_\_

References: Name and Phone Number:

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation Needed: ☐ Yes      ☐ No      If yes, ☐ a.m.      ☐ p.m.      ☐ Both

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Writing Sample

Please submit a three paragraph writing sample on where you see yourself ten years from now. Additional pieces of notebook paper may be attached if needed. The writing sample should be an independent sample of the applicants writing skills.

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This student information form must be completed by the applicant's academic teacher and signed by the principal. A teacher or guidance letter of recommendation should also be submitted with this form. The principal should return the completed application to Cathy Chalmers, Director, at the District Office by **January 23, 2015.**

**Eighth Grade Information Sheet**

**Student Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Students who are eligible to attend school in Greenwood School District 50 but who do not currently attend District 50 need to attach 7th and 8<sup>th</sup> grade testing data, attendance records, discipline records, and report cards. Applications with missing data will not be reviewed.**

**Classroom Behavior:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Concerns:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Assessment:**

Briefly describe the student's abilities in the following areas of *leadership skills, communication skills, and work ethic.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

***Please add any additional information that may be beneficial:***

**Teacher's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Do not return this page to the student or student's parents. Return this page and the requested documents to Cathy Chalmers at the district office by January 23, 2015.**