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The Advanced Academic Programs
at
Bedichek Middle School



AVID
Einstein Jr.
Entrepreneurship

Bedichek Middle School

6800 Bill Hughes Rd.

Austin, TX 78745

(512)414-3265

www.bedichekbobcats.org

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Bedichek Middle School's advanced academic programs. These application materials will allow us to assess your qualifications and predict your potential success in our programs. All information must be received before your application can be processed and reviewed. **Your completed packet must be at our office at 6800 Bill Hughes Rd. Austin, TX 78745 by 4:30p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2017.**

Application Instructions:

(use the application checklist at the end of this packet to organize your application.)

1. **Application Form:** Please make sure that this information is legible and accurate. Include your AISD student number that can be found on your report card. Your parent/guardian must sign this form.
2. **Letter of Application:** This handwritten letter by you explains your academic interests and why you want to be in one or more of our advanced academic programs. Write in detail about your future aspirations and describe what or who has inspired you to pursue advanced learning opportunities. This letter should be 1-2 pages in length.
3. **STAAR Scores:** See your current teacher or counselor for copies of last year's STAAR scores.
4. **Report Card:** Be sure to turn in a copy of your most recent report card with the first semester of grades.
5. **Semester Attendance and Tardies:** If not included on your semester report card, ask your school to give you a copy.
6. **Teacher Recommendation Forms:** You may turn in these forms or your teachers may prefer to mail them to the school. One recommendation must be completed by your current teacher in English, math, science or social studies. If you only have one teacher in these areas, please indicate this on the form or you can ask your elective teacher or last year's teacher to complete one of the two recommendation forms.
7. **(Optional) Student Work:** You may turn in one or two work samples that highlight your academic skills. These are not required but can be used to enhance your application profile.
8. **Higher Level Thinking Math Problem:** Please solve this problem on your own so we can get an idea of your higher level thinking skills in math.

Our advanced academics team and I look forward to receiving your application. If you or your parents have any questions, please call our school at (512)414-3265.

Sincerely,

The Bedichek Advanced Academics Team

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Brief Summaries

AVID

AVID is an elective course designed for highly motivated students who see college in their future. AVID students make average-high grades, consistently pass assessments, and make a commitment to achieving excellence in school as they work toward achieving their goal of being the first in their family to attend a four-year college or university. The AVID curriculum addresses critical reading and writing, note-taking, research, and organizational strategies. Students must be willing to commit to taking advanced math courses in 6th and 7th grade and Algebra I in 8th grade. AVID students commit to bringing completed Tutorial Request Forms to class twice weekly and will meet with a college student for tutorials in their academic courses twice each week. AVID students will have a number of opportunities to tour university campuses and they learn what college is all about.

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Entrepreneurship

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Advanced Academic Programs

Application Form

School Year 2017-2018

Student Name (print): _____

AISD Student Number: _____ Birthdate: _____

Student Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Numbers: Home/Cell _____ Work _____

Current School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Is your current address in the Bedichek Middle School zone? Yes No

Will you be the first member of your family to attend college? Yes No

Please check the box/es of the program/s you would like to apply for:

AVID

Einstein Jr.

Entrepreneurship

I certify that the work contained in this application is the work of the student.

Signed _____ Date: _____
Student Signature

Signed _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date received: _____

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Higher Level Math Problem

The student should solve this problem on their own showing all work in the space provided.

How many cereal boxes will it take to fill your bedroom?

Questions to consider when solving the problem: How big is the room? What is the size of the cereal boxes?

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Letter of Application Prompt

This handwritten letter by you explains your academic interests and why you want to be in one or more of our advanced academic programs. Write in detail about your future aspirations and describe what or who has inspired you to pursue advanced learning opportunities. This letter should be 1-2 pages in length.

Listed below are a few questions to guide your letter. Not all questions need to be addressed, nor do you have to answer these specific questions.

- What makes you want to be part of one or more of these advanced academic programs?
- What do you think these programs will do for you?
- What do you think you can contribute to these programs?
- What are your strengths as a student?
- What do you need to improve to become the student you would like to be?
- What areas of study do you think you will need extra support in to be really successful?
- What are you willing to do to overcome any trouble you have in your difficult areas of study?
- What are your plans for the future?
- Do you want to go to college?
- Why do you want to go to college?
- What or who has inspired you to pursue these advanced learning opportunities?

Bedichek Middle School Advanced Academic Programs

Teacher Recommendation Form

Applicant, please fill out this information for your teacher:

What program are you applying for? Einstein AVID Entrepreneurship

Student Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Subject/Grade Level: _____ School: _____

Please evaluate the student in relation to other students of the same age/grade you have taught and check the appropriate box for each item below. **There are program descriptions and expectations on the back of this form.**

		Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent (Top 10% this year)	One of the top few I have ever met
Academic Ability	Academic Performance					
	Academic Skills					
	Oral Communication Skills					
	Curiosity					
Work Ethic	Motivation					
	General Behavior					
	Homework Completion					
	Initiative					
	Ability to Work Independently					
	Responsibility					
Peer Relationships	Empathy					
	Cooperation					
	Interaction with Peers					

Comments (feel free to continue on another page)

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Application Checklist

Use this checklist to organize and arrange your application **in the order listed below.**

- _____ This Application Checklist
- _____ Application Form
- _____ Higher Level Math Problem
- _____ Handwritten letter of application
- _____ Copy of most recent STAAR scores
- _____ Copy of first semester report card
- _____ First semester attendance and tardies (on report card or separate form)
- _____ Two teacher recommendation forms
(These can be included in the packet or mailed separately by teachers)
- _____ **Optional:** Sample/s of student work

Return your application by U.S. Mail (postmarked by February 3, 2017), or AISD School Mail, or hand-deliver to:

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Timeline

December, 2016	Einstein Showcase
January, 2017	Choice Sheet Electives Showcase Night 6-8p.m. at Bedichek Middle School
February 3, 2017	Application DUE!
Week of March 6	Acceptance certificates delivered to students
April 30, 2017	Acceptance contract deadline
May, 2017	Einstein Family Dinner and Orientation
August 2017	Bobcat Summer Transition Camp at Bedichek Middle School

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