



What are **AVID** Take-Home Binders?

AVID Take-Home Binders are a system of teaching organization and responsibility in students through creating and maintaining an organized binder. In the upper grades, your child will have an AVID Binder at school with specific sections and folders in addition to their Take-Home Binder – this is a jump-start to help them succeed at that time! It's also a way to promote communication between parents and teachers easily, without backpack chaos! An AVID Take-Home Binder is a 3-ring binder that holds everything the students and parents need to keep updated on classroom and school events!

How will an AVID Binder help?

No more wrinkled papers in the bottom of backpacks! No more lost school notes, lost homework, lost classroom notes. No more missing lunch/book club money! No more looking all over the house to find paper to write the teacher a note! Everything a student and parent needs is in one binder!

Why are they called AVID Binders?

AVID stands for *Advancement Via Individual Determination*. Kirkwood Elementary will be utilizing the AVID program to help our students excel.

How can I find out what's in an AVID Binder?

We may adjust this as the year goes on but in the meantime, here is a list:

- **1" three ring binder:** The student's binder which holds important information for both you and your child. Keeping this organized will help your child be successful during their 1st grade school year.
- **Front Pocket:** This pocket is for important notes and Monday Mail that needs to go home and stay home. There may also be things that need to be signed or filled out and returned.
- **Back Pocket:** This pocket is for any papers from our day that just need to stay home.
- **Pencil Pouch:** This pouch will hold important tools for your child to use at home such as pencils, pens, highlighters, etc. In addition, please place things like lunch money, field trip forms, and any notes of transportation changes inside the pouch for me to find.
- **AVID Monthly Calendar (front)/Parent-Teacher Notes (back):** This is the place your child will record special class/school events for the month as well as record his/her behavior each day. You can write any notes you need to send here also. I do ask that you date each note and that you leave all correspondence in this section so that we can look back and remember any communications we may have had. This will help me remember what we've discussed and when we discussed it. The planning calendar MUST be signed by you nightly.
- **Academic Tools** for success such as 100 Grid and word writing boxes

What are the STUDENT expectations for AVID Binders?

1. Take your AVID Binder home every night, including Friday, and bring it back to school each morning. DO NOT Leave your AVID Take-Home Binder at home, daycare, on the bus/car or anywhere else.
2. Take good care of your AVID Binder. It will be used all year. Keep it clean. You must not draw or doodle in your AVID Binder – treat it with respect. Try not to have food or drink when working with your AVID Take-Home Binder.
3. Do not let any of your friends have anything out of your AVID Take-Home Binder It is yours, and you need everything in it to be successful.
4. Understand the point of having an AVID Take-Home Binder. The reason is to keep you organized, so keep IT organized! All papers go in your AVID Binder. There should be none in your backpack any time! Every paper has a home – put papers exactly where I say, when I say. Not later!
5. Share your AVID Binders with your parents every day. Remove the stay at home papers every night. They will be proud you are being responsible and pleased to see all your accomplishments.



What are the PARENT expectations for AVID Binders?

1. Check to see your child brings home their AVID Take-Home Binder home every night and brings it back to school each morning.
2. Check to see your child is taking good care of their AVID Take-Home Binder. It will be used all year AVID. Take-Home Binder.
3. After your child completes their nightly 20 minutes of reading, sign their AVID Monthly Calendar and take out any papers in the back pocket. Check the front pocket for important mail and/or forms that need to be sent back to school.
4. Encourage your child to reach their fullest potential and take steps to become college-ready scholars!