

Avondale Accelerated Pathways

This program allows gifted/advanced students to excel in high school with choice and guidance through personalized pathway planning based on their preferred high school destinations.

A unique and personally designed experience that will allow students to thrive in a supportive, inclusive learning environment focused on growing their minds, skills, habits and practices for success and lifelong learning.

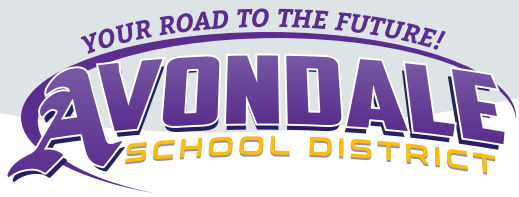
Program Goals

The Accelerated Pathways program provides opportunities for gifted/advanced students to:

- Excel in high school with choice and guidance through **personalized pathways based on their post high school destinations.**
- Experience courses specifically developed to **combine multiple curricula (English and Social Studies for example)**, allowing students to deeply engage in authentic and creative learning. The classes will allow for students to connect concepts from multiple content areas in a single class and **receive dual credit for both content areas.**
- Experience and learn to manage and navigate college courses through **Enhanced Dual Enrollment** options.
- Thrive in a supportive, inclusive, challenging learning environment through Avondale **enhanced preparation colloquiums** meeting on a designated schedule that will focus on growing their minds and developing practices for success. Over their 4 years at Avondale, students will engage in personally selected research projects which will culminate into **a comprehensive portfolio demonstrating skills and growth through the years.** Colloquiums will **also serve to support** the student's needs and skill development while progressing and navigating the post-secondary enhanced experience of dual enrollment.
- Develop a strong community within Yellow Jacket Nation as both core and support classes will be **cohorted with other enhanced preparation students**

Criteria

- Students must be entering 9th grade at the start of the school year they are applying for
- Satisfactory completion of Algebra I (or equivalent) by the end of 8th grade (exceptions to this criteria may be accepted if evidence of success in other high school equivalent class(es) is provided)
- Minimum of 3.0 GPA from middle school. NOTE: These will be calculated by AHS if the middle school does not provide GPA's
- Successful completion of a writing prompt based on rubric analysis. (This will be assessed by the admissions team)
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- Evidence of grade level proficiency (or above) on state and schoolwide assessments used by middle school in reading and/or mathematics
- Positive recommendation by middle school counselor or administrator
- Documented description of involvement in extracurricular activities (school or community based) from the sponsor of the activity
- Review of discipline records from the last two years
- Exemplary school attendance

Note: School of choice applicants will also need to successfully complete the SOC enrollment application requirements in addition to the items above.