



Liberty Middle School

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AVID

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Classroom Digital Platforms	Webpage Link: https://www.madisoncity.k12.al.us/Page/1503 Schoology Link: https://madisoncity.schoology.com/home#/?k=j71eg8
Instructional Materials	<i>Parents and guardians can access other supplementary materials through the Schoology platform.</i>
Course Description	<p>AVID is a college and career readiness program that helps students develop the skills they need to succeed in higher education and beyond. Through focused instruction in organization, study habits, critical thinking, and effective communication, students are prepared to achieve their academic goals. The class also includes tutoring, collaborative projects, and guidance on college applications and career exploration.</p>
Course Objectives	<p>Enhance Artistic Techniques: Students will refine their skills in drawing, painting, and sculpture through advanced practice and experimentation with various materials and methods. Foster Creative Expression: Students will develop their unique artistic voices, creating original works that reflect personal ideas, emotions, and perspectives. Cultivate Critical Thinking: Students will analyze and critique their own work and that of others, learning to give and receive constructive feedback to improve their art.</p>
Classroom Expectations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No cell phones allowed during class. 2. Be seated and ready for class when the bell rings. Students tardy to class will receive a detention per LMS policy. 3. Come prepared for class. Bring all necessary supplies. 4. Respect your teacher, your classmates, the classroom supplies, and yourself. 5. If it's not yours, don't touch it. Keep your hands and feet to yourself. <p>All students must follow the Madison City Schools Code of Conduct.</p>
Technology Policy	<p>Students should bring their MCS chromebooks and chargers to class each day. Teachers monitor student activity and participation; however, students are responsible for their activity on school-issued devices and using their MCS accounts.</p> <p>Cell phones and earbuds/headphones will not be allowed to be used during classroom instruction time. Phones and earbuds/headphones will be put away in a location designated by the teacher and placed in silent mode. Students will have access to their phones and earbuds/headphones outside of classroom instruction time, such as between classes and during lunch, but devices should be put away when students are in the serving line. Failure to follow these procedures will result in a disciplinary referral to the office.</p>
Progressive Discipline (LMS Policy)	<p>ILiberty Middle School Classroom Management Plan: Step 1: Verbal warning Step 2: Student/teacher conference with parent notification Step 3: Parent contact/conference Step 4: Detention Step 5: Referral to administration for repeat Class I violations and initial Class II and Class III offenses (Madison City Schools Code of Conduct)</p>

Grading Policy (MCS Policy)	60% = Assessments (Tests, Essays, Projects) 40% = Daily Grades (Quizzes, Homework, Classwork, and Participation)
Late Work Policy	Late work can be submitted for full credit until the semester grading period ends. Students may work on late work in class or at home. After the semester ends and grades are finalized, no late work can be accepted. Before a student submits late work or make-up work, a zero will be placed in the gradebook.
Make-up Work/Test Policy	Students with excused absences will be allowed to make-up all work within three days of returning to school. It is the student's responsibility to ask for make-up work. Students can get with a classmate or ask the teacher for help. Work that is not made up will become a zero (including quizzes/tests).
Homework	Homework is not assigned in AVID unless a student falls behind on a project or assignment. In that case, they may take the project home to complete and return it to Ms. Smith for grading. Make-up work and late work may also be assigned for homework.
Parent & Student Acknowledgment Form	<i>Please sign the parent/student acknowledgment form in Schoology. This form indicates that both the parent and student agree to the expectations listed in the syllabus.</i>