

"The Generation of Tomorrow, College Ready Today!"

***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

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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 2, 2018.**

**Application Instructions:**

(Use the application checklist on the next page 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's 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. Teacher recommendation forms are also available electronically.
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.

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) 841-3501.

Sincerely,

The Bedichek Advanced Academics Team

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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
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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, mailed separately by teachers, or completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/bmstchrrec>)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Optional:** Sample/s of student work

Return your application by U.S. Mail (postmarked by February 2, 2018 or AISD School Mail, or hand-deliver to:

Danielle Sanchez, Advanced Academics Coordinator  
c/o Bedichek Middle School  
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**Timeline**

December 2017	Einstein Showcase
January 2018	Choice Sheet Electives Showcase Night
<b>February 2, 2018</b>	<b>Application DUE!</b>
Week of March 5	Einstein Jr. Acceptance certificates delivered to students, AVID Interviews
April 30, 2018	Acceptance contract deadline
May 2018	Einstein Family Dinner and Orientation
August 2018	Bobcat Summer Transition Camp at Bedichek Middle School

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**Brief Summaries**

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## Advanced Academic Programs

### Application Form

School Year 2018-2019

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**

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

*Austin Independent School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, disability, or English language skills in its programs and activities*

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**Letter of Application Prompt**

This handwritten letter 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Teacher Recommendation Form

This form is also available online. If you choose to use the electronic form, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/bmstchrec>

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					

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