**Cheatham Elementary School — Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)**

Dedicated to preparing students to be high school and college ready, Cheatham offers AVID. AVID accelerates student learning by using research-based instruction and providing motivational learning. AVID is a philosophy that promotes the belief, “Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.” AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success, provides intensive support utilizing tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships, creates a positive peer group for students, and develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. Students who are part of AVID learn specific organizational skills and experience increased rigor in their core academic areas. They also participate in a variety of community service activities. Since implementing the AVID program, Cheatham has seen student achievement grow more than 25 percentile points in math on benchmark exams in the middle school level. Additionally, there is an increased sense of pride among AVID students and their parents.

Cheatham students also practice the character education program, Character Counts! The program teaches ethical values through the Six Pillars of Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.