

Chilton's "One Big Binder"

We like big binders and we cannot lie! After learning about characteristics of successful students at the AVID Summer Institute, Chilton will be starting its journey to AVID certification by requiring all Bobcats to keep an organized academic binder.

Why? Organization is a fundamental part of AVID's foundational curriculum framework. Studies indicate that students who practice good organizational skills are better prepared for advanced level courses, participate more during instructional time, interact more constructively with instructors, effectively schedule time for homework, and manage their time through prioritizing and goal setting.

How do you help students set up an organized academic binder? So glad you asked!

Setting up binders the Bobcat Way:

1. All students will need the following supplies, which will be assembled into one big binder:
 - A 2 to 3 inch binder
 - Planner
 - 8 divider tabs
 - A sufficient supply of filler paper, both lined and graph
 - Ruler
 - Zipper pouch containing the supplies below:
 - 2 pens
 - 2 pencils
 - Highlighter
 - Whiteboard marker
 - Pencil sharpener
2. Binders should be organized in the following sequence:
 - Zipper pouch
 - Planner
 - Binder rubric (We'll provide this for you!)
 - Divider tabs
3. The first 6 divider tabs should be labeled chronologically by class period. The 7th tab should be labeled "Resources" and the 8th tab "Blank Paper".
4. Behind each of the first 6 labeled tabs, students should have materials organized according to teacher directions. A suggestion is to have students put notes and handouts in chronological order (most current on top), then returned tests and quizzes.
5. Since it is not practical for students to have all needed supplies contained in a zipper pouch, students will keep additional materials in a pencil box. These material include:
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Colored pencils
 - Markers
 - Post its
 - Extra pens/pencils/whiteboard marker