

WHAT IS AVID?

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class based on writing as a tool of learning, inquiry based methods, and collaborative grouping.

The three components of the program are:

1. Academic instruction
2. Tutorial support
3. Motivational activities

AVID is an:

- * In-school academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- * AVID places academically average students in advanced classes.
- * AVID is for all students, but targets those in the academic middle.
- * AVID levels the playing field for minority, rural, low-income and other students without a college-going tradition in their families.



WHAT AVID isn't....

Lets clear any misconceptions

- * AVID is not a remedial program.
- * AVID is not a free ride.
- * AVID is not a niche program.
- * AVID is not a college outreach program.



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS?

The involvement of the parents/guardians is a priority of AVID.

Parents are informed about program events and expectations through newsletters and parent meetings.

Parent groups often become active in planning programs and fundraising.

Parents sign a contract agreeing to support all AVID academic requirements; encourage and support their children's academic success; and attend AVID parent meetings.



THE ROAD
TO
COLLEGE:

RIGOR
READINESS
AND
RETENTION

AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they increase schoolwide/districtwide learning.

AVID MISSION:

The mission of AVID is to ensure that ALL students, and most especially the least served students who are in the middle:

- ⇒ Will succeed in rigorous curriculum.
- ⇒ Will complete a rigorous college preparatory path.
- ⇒ Will enter mainstream activities of the school.
- ⇒ Will increase their enrollment in four-year colleges.
- ⇒ Will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is eligible for AVID, a program dedicated to helping students achieve their goals of going to college. Students considered for AVID are bright students who might be under-achieving, underserved in the college system, or first-generation college students. The AVID class, held within the regular school day, provides support, academic monitoring, and tutoring. The writing process, Socratic seminar questioning, collaborative learning, and reading are the core strategies of the program.

What is REQUIRED of and AVID Student?

Each AVID student carries a binder in which he or she is required to keep materials from all academic classes. Students will be required to track assignment sheets are required to take DAILY notes in all academic classes. The student notebooks are graded weekly for content and organization. Students participate in tutorial groups in the AVID classroom. In addition, students are taught study skills, test preparation, time management, and the writing process. Teachers fill out periodic progress reports, in addition to routine school reports, for monitoring by the AVID coordinator/teacher.

What is the AVID STUDENT PROFILE?

STUDENTS WITH ACADEMIC POTENTIAL:

- ◆ Average to High CMT Test Scores
 - ◆ 2.0–3.5 GPA
- ◆ College Potential with Support
 - ◆ Desire and Determination

MEETS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- ◆ First to attend College
- ◆ Historically Underserved in 4-year Colleges
 - ◆ Low Income
 - ◆ Special Circumstances

What can Parents do to support AVID students?

Communication between the AVID coordinators/teachers and the parent/guardian's is essential. At home, parents can see to it that student's are doing their homework in a quiet place with few interruptions. By asking your child about his/her day and inquiring about homework and the events in school, you will bridge what could be a great gap between his/her school life and home life. When the two connect, successes increase. Throughout the year, there will be a number of Family Workshops, which will address topics of concern relating to you child's success in middle school or high school and college applications and admission.

*****WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR INTEREST AND WORKING WITH YOU!*****

