

AVID

(Advancement via Individual Determination)

1. What are the requirements for AVID?

Students in AVID are motivated to succeed in school. AVID is not an improvement program. Students must want to improve and have a desire to succeed in order to be selected for AVID.

2. Is AVID a class?

Yes. AVID is an elective class that fits in a student's regular schedule. It is a three-year program, which takes up an elective space each year at their school.

3. What do you do in AVID?

During the AVID class students learn how to take structured notes in each of their classes. They also learn test-taking strategies as well as time management and proper study skills. Students explore college and career options while working with WICOR strategies (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading). All AVID students maintain an AVID binder, which holds their materials for all their classes. Field trips to local colleges start in the sophomore year and continue throughout the program. In the junior year students prepare for the SAT in the classroom and begin college readiness. The senior year helps students apply for college, apply for college scholarships, apply for FAFSA and introduces them to college like assignments and activities.

4. Is AVID an easy A?

No. Students in the AVID program work harder than many other students. Even though students work harder, they come to realize the work is worth it when they see the benefits of the program reflected in their grades, study habits and engagement in the school community through community service, clubs and activities.

6. Is AVID for every student?

No. AVID is only for students who want to be in the program and will work harder to be stronger students. Students who do not want to be in the program will not succeed. Sometimes parents think the program is a good idea for their student; but if the student has no desire to be a part of AVID, it will not help them.

7. Is AVID a motivational program?

No. AVID is only for students who have a desire to improve and have the intrinsic motivation to be successful.

8. If my student enters AVID, will I see immediate results?

Not necessarily; It varies from student to student. The AVID strategies must be implemented and used continuously to see results. Students and parents that expect AVID to be a quick fix have unrealistic expectations. AVID works after the students learn the importance of the strategies and begin using them in ALL of their classes. Some students see results as fast as the end of their sophomore year while others do not see those benefits emerge until later.

9. Is AVID a tutoring program?

No. AVID is not a tutoring program. Students in AVID may be required to seek the help of free tutoring offered at their school in order to keep their grades at an acceptable level, but the program is not free tutoring.

10. Does my student have to maintain a certain GPA to remain in AVID?

Yes. Students in the AVID program must maintain a 2.0. There are interventions that we take when students struggle, and the students are expected to be accountable for their grades and seek help from teachers as well as other ways to improve.

11. What are the expectations for my student in other classes besides AVID?

Students in the AVID program are expected to take the most rigorous schedule appropriate to their progress. It is the goal of AVID that all our AVID students will take an AP, honors or CTE class in their sophomore year. When considering the program, you should consider if you see your student taking one of these rigorous courses in their future.

12. When does the application process begin and end?

The application process begins in the spring. Students apply and are interviewed in order to be considered for this program.

13. How are AVID students selected?

Students are evaluated on grades, attendance, discipline, the written application and the interview.

14. What if my student is not chosen, but really wants to be in the program?

If your student is not chosen for the program you will receive notification with a reason. Students who are not chosen can resubmit an application at the end of their sophomore year for reconsideration.

15. If my student signs up for the course and does not like it, can he/she drop it?

Students may not drop the course in the middle of the year. Students should consider the program carefully before deciding to sign up. At the end of the year, if a student is not progressing or is unhappy with AVID, he/she can request the Exit Questionnaire from their elective teacher, and this will begin the process to exit AVID.

16 .Where can I get more information about AVID?

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