



Welcome to AVID

What Is AVID?

AVID stands for "Advancement Via Individual Determination" and it is a college-preparation program designed to ensure students are academically and socially prepared for success in college. AVID classes are part of the regular class schedule. AVID students take the most rigorous classes they can, and receive time in AVID to collaborate with their peers. The program also ensures students are aware of all the necessary steps they must take to be admitted to a four-year including helping students prepare for the PSAT/SAT and ACT test. Additionally, students learn about different university and colleges, careers, and majors.

The AVID Elective Class

The AVID Elective is the core of AVID Secondary. It targets students in the academic middle with the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. Often, AVID Elective students will be the first in their families to attend college, and come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum with the support of the AVID Elective class. The AVID Elective class places these students on the college track, requiring students to enroll in the most rigorous courses that are appropriate for them, such as Honors. To support them in the rigorous coursework, AVID students learn organizational and study skills, develop critical thinking, learn to ask probing questions, receive academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities to make their college dreams reality.

Curriculum

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is based on best teaching practices in writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading, and it is supported by state and national content standards. AVID curriculum is used in the AVID Elective and content-area classes in AVID schools to guide teachers and students, while planning strategies for success, by focusing on time management and study skills.

Here is where you will find AVID Elective resources for curriculum and implementation.