

AVID

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The AVID Mission Statement

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

What is the AVID Program?

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a multi-year program designed to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility. The program is designed to help underachieving middle and high school students prepare for and succeed in colleges and universities. AVID has a proven track record for bringing out the best in students, as well as closing the achievement gap.

The AVID program targets students in the academic middle (2.0-3.4 GPA students) who express a desire to attend college and a willingness to work hard. These are students who are capable of taking rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Many AVID students will be the first in their families to attend college. Many AVID students are also from low income or minority families. AVID stresses the development of individual determination in order to direct students from general courses to accelerated Advanced Placement and Honors classes in preparation for college. AVID offers a rigorous program of instruction in academic “survival skills” and college level entry skills. The AVID program teaches the student how to study, read for content, take notes, and manage time. Students participate in collaborative tutorials led by tutors who use skillful questioning to bring students to a higher level of understanding.

What the AVID Program is NOT

AVID is not a remedial program. Students in the AVID program are expected to enroll in rigorous college preparatory courses and must be working towards acceptance into a four-year college or university. The program is not a study hall. The AVID elective course includes its own curriculum in order to emphasize learning strategies. Students are expected to do homework outside of the AVID elective time period. AVID is not a free ride. Students should expect to be challenged both inside and outside the AVID classroom. Individuals in the program should have a drive to succeed, as well as be willing to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Who is Eligible for the AVID Program?

Eligibility for the AVID program includes, but is not limited to:

- Students with B's, C's, and a limited number of D's but are capable of doing better
- Students who could succeed in college preparatory courses with support
- Students must show a desire to attend a four-year college or university and be willing to work hard to achieve this goal
- Students who will be the first in their family to go to college or are historically less likely to attend college (i.e., low income or minority groups)