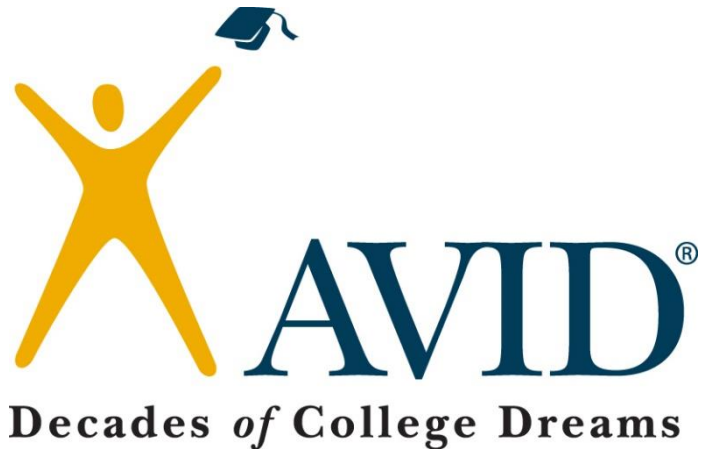


## ***What is AVID?***

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary opportunities. Established more than 30 years ago with one teacher in one classroom, AVID today impacts more than 700,000 students in 45 states and 16 other countries/territories.



## ***Who is the AVID student?***

- Average to High Grades and Test Scores
- Students in the academic middle, 2.5+ GPA
- Desire & Determination
- Demonstrates appropriate classroom behavior, solid attendance, good work habits
- Is willing to commit themselves to studying and homework each night
- Seeks a challenge, but possibly intimidated by certain subjects
- Would benefit from increased participation in class
- Capable of completing a college preparatory path with support
- First college bound student in family, historically underrepresented in college, or will need help preparing and planning for college

## ***What is the goal of the AVID Elective?***

The AVID elective places these students on the college track, requiring them to enroll in their school's toughest courses, such as AP and IB courses. To support them in this rigorous coursework, AVID students learn organizational and study strategies, fine tune their critical thinking, reading and writing skills, learn to ask probing questions, receive academic encouragement from peers and college tutors structures called Peer Study Groups, develop collaboration skills, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities to ensure their college dreams become reality.

## ***What is the focus of the AVID 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.

**AVID is not just another program....*at its heart, AVID is a philosophy***

**“Hold students accountable to the highest standards provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.”**