

# What is AVID?

## 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.”

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class, during the school day, based on writing as a tool of learning, the inquiry method, and collaborative grouping. The three main components of the program are:

- Academic instruction
- Tutorial support
- Motivational activities

AVID is closing the opportunity gap in college graduation rates among diverse and underrepresented demographic groups so they will

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

### AVID supports the SKSD Vision and Goals:

To provide each student an education in an academically excellent and individually responsive learning community.

Of the nearly **49K** AVID seniors...



**78%** took a course of rigor (AP, IB, AICE)



**94%** completed four-year college entrance requirements



**96%** took college entrance exams (SAT, ACT)

2018 AVID Senior Data

If you would like to apply for the AVID Program, talk to your school counselor.

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**Decades of College Dreams**  
*Advancement Via Individual Determination*

An acclaimed program designed to assist students in meeting the challenges inherent in education and in attaining the dream of college.

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In the first year after high school...

**77%**

of AVID seniors  
enrolled in a two-  
or four-year college



2017 AVID Senior & National Student Clearinghouse Data

## AVID Academic

### Benefits

Students benefit academically  
from:

- ◆ Curricular support
- ◆ Support class focused on rigor
- ◆ Structured tutorials
- ◆ Redefined academic peer group
- ◆ Emphasis on study skills, organization, goal setting, time management -connected to academics
- ◆ Accountability

### AVID Activities

- ◆ Learning with college tutors
- ◆ Writing for all classes
- ◆ Applying for college
- ◆ Visiting college campuses
- ◆ Interacting with guest speakers
- ◆ Participating in extracurricular and community activities

## The AVID student Profile

*Students who have the potential and desire to attend a four-year college and.....*

- ◆ *Have academic potential*
- ◆ *Average to high test scores*
- ◆ *2.4-3.5 grade point average*
- ◆ *College potential with support*
- ◆ *Desire and determination*
- ◆ *Have appropriate classroom behavior*
- ◆ *Have a good attendance record*
- ◆ *Have good work habits*
- ◆ *Are willing to commit themselves to studying and homework each night*

## The AVID Student Criteria

*Special consideration given to students who meet ONE or more of the following criteria:*

- ◆ *First in their immediate family to attend college/university*
- ◆ *Historically underrepresented in four-year colleges*
- ◆ *Low income*
- ◆ *Special circumstances (i.e. military, bilingual)*

Of the nearly **49K** AVID seniors...



**85%**

applied to four-year colleges



**76%**

were accepted into four-year colleges

2018 AVID Senior Data

Of those who enrolled in college the first year after high school...

**88%**

persisted into the  
second year of college



2016 AVID Senior & National Student Clearinghouse Data

## AVID Facts

### The AVID Parent

AVID parents encourage their students to achieve academically, participate in AVID parent and site team meetings, and maintain regular contact with the AVID coordinator.

### The AVID Curriculum

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and senior high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is driven by the **WICOR** method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. AVID curriculum is used in AVID elective classes, in content-area classes in AVID schools, and even in schools where the AVID elective is not offered.

### The AVID Tutor

Tutors are essential to the success of the AVID elective class, where they facilitate student access to rigorous curriculum. As students from colleges and universities, tutors receive formal training and also serve as role models. AVID students who continue their education in college often return to the program as tutors.