

Toquam Magnet School **believes** all scholars will **achieve** their full potential and be prepared to **succeed** in our global society. Toquam Magnet School prepares all scholars for college and career readiness by cultivating determination, perseverance, critical thinking, and teamwork to ensure success in a global society.



Toquam's magnet program is AVID. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.

The AVID approach teaches students to develop academic habits that will be necessary in middle school, high school, and college.

Scholars learn about organization, study skills, communication and self-advocacy. Students develop higher order thinking at a younger age by taking structured notes, working collaboratively, participating in socratic seminars and reflecting on their learning process.

- AVID alumni who go to college are 4 times more likely to graduate than their national peers.
- 2 million students have participated in AVID programs.
- 8,000 schools are AVID schools.
- AVID scholars attend college at higher rates than non AVID schools.
- 42% of first-generation, low-income AVID college students graduate with a 4 year degree compared to 11% of their peers.

What We Offer

AVID Elementary Essentials focus on the four necessary areas to ensure that all students are poised for academic success: Instruction, Culture, Leadership, and Systems. AVID Elementary incorporates:

Student Success Skills – communication skills (e.g. listening, speaking, writing), self-advocacy skills, note-taking strategies, critical thinking, and study skills.

Organizational Skills – both mental and physical; students learn to use organizational tools, as well as learn and practice skills around time management and goal-setting.

WICOR Lessons – emphasize instruction on **Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to learn** in all content areas.

Partnerships – among students, classrooms, grade levels, families, and communities.

The AVID Effect is realized through the delivery of inquiry-based and student-centered instruction, which increases levels of effectiveness. With AVID, teachers inspire students to take control over their own learning. As members of a digital and global society, we recognize the importance of technology in the lives of our students. We are committed to increasing technology opportunities that prepare our students for learning on the secondary level.



Regular School Hours

9:00 am – 3:20 pm

Early Dismissal Hours

9:00 am – 1:20 pm

2-hour Delayed Opening

11:00 am – 3:20 pm

Principal

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What We Do

- 21st Century After School Program
- Spring Musical
- Spelling Bee
- Science Fair
- Literacy How Pilot School
- International Potluck Picnic
- Spring Carnival
- Positive Behavior Intervention Supports
- Recycling Initiatives
- Jog-A-Thon
- Online School Store
- Strong Parent Involvement/PTO
- Partnership with Domus
- STEM-based Indoor Recess Kits
- Most Donor's Choose projects funded in Stamford

Grades

K-5

Enrollment

560

10:1

Student to Certified Staff Ratio