



**WELCOME TO
SOAR HIGH SCHOOL'S PARENT
INFORMATION NIGHT!**

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SOAR PROGRAM LEADERSHIP



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Nuts & Bolts

- PDF version of this presentation is available on the soarhs.org website under the Future Students tab - Parent Information Night
- We will take questions at the end of presentation.
 - If attending virtually, you can also enter questions into the chat box

SOAR Mission

Students On Academic Rise (SOAR) High School provides a supportive, flexible, and academically enriched environment with an emphasis in mathematics, science, and engineering for underrepresented students who maybe high potential but low performing in the traditional educational system.





About SOAR

SOAR High School is designed to promote academic achievement, social maturity, and enhanced economic opportunities through the completion of high school and success in college. SOAR High School embraces the Core Principles of the Early College High School Initiative, including improve graduation rates by a flexible high school year, by compressing the number of years to complete a college degree and removing financial and other barriers to college.



About SOAR - One Program, Two Campuses

- ★ The partnership between the AVUHSD and AVC is exceptionally successful!
- ★ Year after year, we receive more applications than our small campus can accommodate. Expanding the ECHS Program to Palmdale provides more opportunities for high school students in our valley.
- ★ The supportive, flexible, and academically enriching environment with enhanced opportunities to earn both a high school diploma and earn credits toward an associate's degree, increases opportunities for our students within the AV.

About SOAR - Our Students

- ★ Small learning environment
- ★ Academically rigorous
- ★ Concurrent enrollment in high school and college
- ★ Supportive
- ★ Flexible
 - Unscheduled time
- ★ Closed campus
- ★ Read and know “Things you Need to Know” (on SOAR’s website)



About SOAR - Our Students

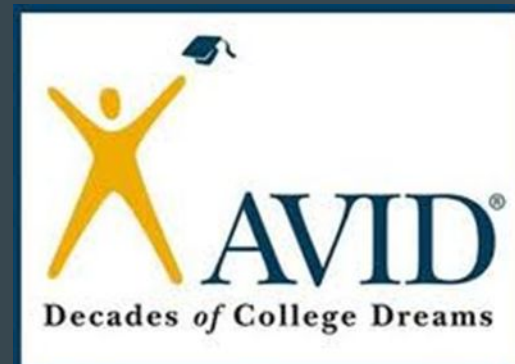
- ★ Make education a priority
- ★ Demonstrate the ability to make mature, independent, and productive choices
- ★ Succeed in high school and college preparatory classes
- ★ Desire to be challenged intellectually and committed to embracing education



About SOAR - AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination)

- ★ AVID provides support that educators and students need to encourage college and career readiness and success.
- ★ AVID fosters a safe and open culture, high expectations for teachers and students, and collaboration in all classrooms
- ★ AVID provides a well rounded, skills based approach to supporting students and includes:
 - Minimum 10 hours of community service required per semester
 - Bridging the soft skills gap



About SOAR - Clubs & Activities

- ★DANCES, FIELD TRIPS, GRAD NITE ,
PEP RALLIES, WORKSHOPS
- ★ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY (ASB)
- ★KEY CLUB
- ★CHRISTIAN CLUB
- ★INVENTEAM
- ★ROBOTICS
- ★BLACK STUDENT UNION (BSU)
- ★SPORTS CLUB
- ★MOCK TRIAL
- ★SPEECH CLUB
- ★QSA
- ★YEARBOOK
- ★JOURNALISM
- ★MUSIC CLUB
- ★And many more



2023 SOAR Stats...



- 100% - GRADUATION RATE
- 97% - STUDENTS WITH ALL GRADES OF A C OR BETTER
- 97% - COMPLETION OF A-G REQUIREMENTS
- 100% - STUDENTS PURSUING POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OR MILITARY TRAINING
- 74% - AVC ASSOCIATES DEGREE
- \$2,111,977 – IN FREE FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS

About SOAR - Academic Course Work

REQUIRED

- ★ High School Graduation Requirements (HS Diploma)
 - 230 CREDITS – STATE OF CALIFORNIA
- ★ A-G REQUIREMENTS
 - Courses that have to be completed to be admitted to a UC or Cal State

PERKS

- ★ Taking College courses that will prepare student to be successful at the university level
- ★ Earn College units that can be transferred to a four year university
- ★ Earn College units that may lead to earning an Associates Degree or completing the IGETC (General Education @ UC/CSU's)

About SOAR - 9th & 10th SOAR Course Specifics

FRESHMAN YEAR

- ★ MATH
- ★ CONCEPTUAL PHYSICS
- ★ ENGLISH 9 HONORS
- ★ AVID 1
- ★ PE
 - AVC KINESIOLOGY or DANCE COURSE (Lancaster PE)
 - PE 1 (Palmdale)
- ★ AVC FOUNDATION COURSE
 - HUMAN DEVELOPMENT or LIBRARY

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- ★ MATH
- ★ CHEMISTRY (CHEM 101 CREDIT)
- ★ ENGLISH 10 HONORS
- ★ AVID 2
- ★ WORLD HISTORY HONORS
- ★ AVC COLLEGE COURSE FROM ED PLAN
- ★ PE 2 (TAKEN OVER THE SUMMER)

About SOAR - AVC Course Specifics

NOTE: A 3 unit AVC class equates to 10 high school credits and occurs in a more condensed time frame.

Freshmen

- **ONLY one** of the required foundational courses (HD101 or LIB101) and one PE course (Lancaster) per semester are allowed in your Freshman year.
- **OPTIONAL:** AVC Summer Course (after 9th grade): must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in high school and college in order to take 1 AVC course
- **Max units allowed=4 per semester**

Sophomores

- Limited to **6 units** at AVC per semester. Minimum **3.0 GPA** required to take 2 AVC course.
- **OPTIONAL:** AVC Summer Courses (after 10th grade): Minimum 2.5 GPA is required to take 1 AVC course
- **Max units allowed=6 per semester**

About SOAR - AVC Course Specifics

Juniors

- ★ Limited to **9 units** at AVC per semester. Minimum 3.0 GPA to take more than 1 AVC course.
- ★ **OPTIONAL:** AVC Summer Courses (after 11th grade): Minimum 2.5 GPA is required to take 1 course and minimum 3.0 to take 2 AVC courses.
- ★ **Max units allowed=9 per semester**

Seniors

- ★ Limited to 11 units at AVC per semester. Minimum 3.0 GPA to take more than 1 AVC course
- ★ **Max units allowed = 11 per semester**

About SOAR - Benefits and Responsibilities

Benefits

- ★ College Readiness
- ★ Small Learning Community
- ★ Supportive Learning Environment
- ★ Pays for College Classes and Texts
- ★ College Ed. Plan
- ★ Work toward an Associates' Degree
- ★ Impressive on a Resume, Scholarships, College Applications

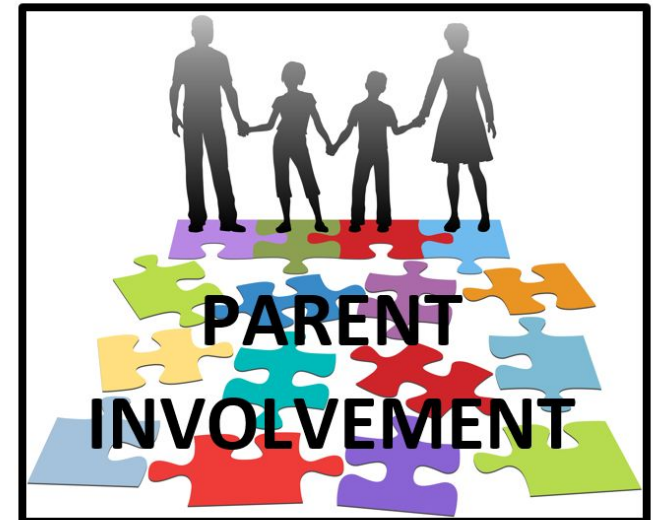
Responsibilities

- ★ Time Management & Organizational Skills
- ★ Maintain C's and above in High School & College
- ★ Good Study Habits & Meet Deadlines
- ★ Reflect the SOAR Tenants
- ★ Students pay a small fee for health services = *\$21/Term*
- ★ College paperwork will need to be completed each school year; parents/guardians must provide pertinent information

About SOAR - Parents/Guardians

- ★ Model advocacy, accountability, perseverance
- ★ Parent/guardian involvement is crucial to student's success
- ★ Monitor and encourage your student's progress regularly
- ★ Actively engage in your student's academic performance and social/emotional wellness
- ★ Communicate with your student
- ★ Be actively engaged and involved at SOAR

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!!



About SOAR - The Details

- ★ High School classes mirror college classes: Mon/Wed block and Tues/Thur block and full day Friday
- ★ All High School classes begin at 8:30am or later
- ★ AVC courses are woven into the high school day, and they can start and end outside of SOAR's class schedule
- ★ Students will not necessarily have classes back to back. The start & end times vary student to student
- ★ May have unscheduled time between classes (high school and college)
- ★ No bells -students are expected to get to class on time (high school and college)

About SOAR - Safety

- ★ Student safety is our number one priority
- ★ Los Angeles Sheriff's Department is available 7 days a week, 365 days a year
- ★ Align our School Site Safety Plan with the college
- ★ Notifications
- ★ AVUHSD APP (AVHSD)
- ★ RAVE FOR AVC NOTIFICATIONS (AVC)



About SOAR - Transportation

- ★ Transportation is not provided to and from SOAR by the district
- ★ Students can take the AVTA bus for free as an AVHSD student

SOAR Palmdale - Campus Connector

- ★ For the safety of our students, AVTA transports SOAR students to and from the high school campus and the AVC Palmdale Center, which is only .7 miles apart.



About SOAR - Wellness

- ★ Students are committed to their own educational exploration
- ★ Meeting their own expectations for success, prioritizing learning over grades
- ★ Eating well, time management, sleeping, managing mental health and stress
- ★ Seeking help from trusted adults when needed
- ★ Open communication with teachers, staff, and parents/guardians
- ★ Various referrals for community resources are offered at both the high school district and at AVC



Important Dates to Note...

★APPLICATIONS, INCLUDING STUDENT VIDEO SUBMISSION,
DUE – Friday, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

○ All communication is via email - please ensure your email address is correct

★ Register at your home school

★SOAR Acceptance Email – LATE MARCH

★SOAR High School Registration – TBD

★Summer School/Summer Bridge (REQUIRED) – TBD (month of July)

★FALL START DATES

○SOAR HIGH SCHOOL – August 12th

○AVC – August 19th





SUMMER SCHOOL

- INTRO TO SOAR (SUMMER BRIDGE) WITH HEALTH

ALL STUDENTS ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL THE SUMMER PRIOR TO THEIR FRESHMAN YEAR.

-INTRO TO SOAR (SUMMER BRIDGE) FOR Parents!

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PLEASE GO TO THE SOAR WEBSITE FOR THE APPLICATION

DUE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024



THANK YOU!



APPLICATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN
FEBRUARY 2, 2024. Log onto soarhs.org to
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