



Washington Technology Magnet School

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AVID 7 Syllabus

Course Description: AVID stands for Advancement via Individual Determination; therefore, it is necessary that students understand they are the key to their success in this program. Because this program has quite specific guidelines to help students achieve, the AVID contract and essentials must be followed. AVID is not only a class but it combines rigor and support to ensure student success in a college preparatory curriculum. It includes instruction in study skills, organization skills, communication skills, reading comprehension, writing, collaboration, inquiry, test-taking strategies, and personal development. The instructional model is *WICOR*: *Writing as a Tool of Learning, Inquiry Method, Organization, Collaborative Learning Groups, and Reading as a Tool of Learning.*

First Semester

- Introduce organization, planners, note-taking, presentations, discussions, and tutorials
- Q1 AVID Introduction Unit: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading
- Q2 Unit: Narrative, Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading
- Community Service (both semesters)
- College Field Trip (both semesters)
- 50 Vocabulary Words - Greek / Latin Roots
- Community Building Games / Activities (both semesters)

Second Semester

- Advance Organization, Planners, Focused Notes, and Tutorials
- Q3 College Unit: Reading, Researching, Essaying, Socratic Seminar, and Presentation
- Q4 Career Unit: Future Planning, Reading, Researching, Essaying, Socratic Seminar, Presentation
- 50 New Vocabulary Words - Greek / Latin Roots

Materials: Please bring these items to class **every day**.

- Fully Charged iPad
- Organization Method: Backpack and folders *or* binder, planner
- Writing Utensil: Pen *or* pencil, highlighter encouraged

Grades

<u>Course Work Categories</u>	<u>Percent of Final</u>	<u>Grade Grading Scale</u>
Summative Assessments	80%	A =90-100%
Formative Assessments	20%	B = 80-89%
		C = 70-79%
		D = 60-69%
		N = 60% and lower

Class Policies/Norms: All Washington Technology Magnet School policies will be enforced. We will also create together a list of class norms in the first week of school to which everyone will be held accountable.

Student name (please print)

Student signature

Date

Parent/guardian name (please print) **Parent/guardian signature** **Date**

Helpful websites to write down and remember:

Mr. Stepan's Washington Technology Magnet School Page:

<https://www.spps.org/domain/3499>