## AVID at a Glance

### What AVID is . . .

- AVID is an acronym that stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.
- AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 4-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- AVID places academically average students in advanced classes.
- AVID levels the playing field for minority, rural, low-income, and other students without a collegegoing tradition in their families.
- AVID is for ALL students, but targets those in the academic middle.
- AVID is implemented school-wide and district-wide.

### What AVID is NOT ....

- AVID is NOT a remedial program.
- AVID is NOT a free ride.
- AVID is NOT a niche program.
- AVID is NOT a college outreach program.



## **AVID's Mission**

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.



## **Academic Benefits**

Students benefit academically from:

- curricular support,
- rigorous support class,
- structured tutorials,
- redefined academic peer group,
- emphasis on study skills, organization, goal setting, time management—connected to academics

## A Sample Week in the AVID Elective

## **Daily or Block Schedule**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AVID Curriculum	Tutorials	AVID Curriculum	Tutorials	Binder Evaluation Field Trips Media Center Speakers Motivational Activities

#### **AVID Curriculum Includes:**

- Writing Curriculum
- College and Careers
- WICOR activities
- Note-taking practice

#### **AVID Tutorials Include:**

- Collaborative Study Groups
- Problem Solving
- Higher Level Thinking questions
- Reflection and Evaluation





# The Impact of AVID on South Carolina Schools:

- 95% of graduating AVID seniors are in college;
- More than 50% of AVID juniors and seniors completed at least one Advanced Placement course;
- More than 90% of AVID students are on track to complete the Recommended High School Program;
- AVID students have improved their attendance by four percentage points in their first two years of participation.



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is designed to help students prepare for and succeed in high school and college. Students in the program commit themselves to improving and preparing for college/careers. AVID offers a rigorous program of instruction in academic "survival skills" and college level entry skills. The AVID program teaches students how to study, read for content, take notes, be organized, and manage time. Students participate in collaborative study groups or tutorials led by tutors who use skillful questioning to bring students to a higher level of understanding. Upon acceptance into AVID, students are encouraged to enroll in at least one advanced level course. AVID is an elective class which meets during the regular school day.

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