



#### What is AVID?

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an academic elective course that prepares students for college readiness and success, and it is scheduled during the regular school day as a year-long course. Each week, students receive instruction utilizing a rigorous college prep curriculum, study groups with academic tutors, motivational activities, and academic success skills. In AVID, students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading (WICOR) to support their academic growth.

## **Student Goals**

- Academic success in college preparatory courses
- Successful completion of college eligibility requirements
- Enrollment in college preparatory courses throughout high school to ensure enrollment in a fouryear college or university upon graduation.

## **Student Responsibilities**

- I will maintain at least a 75 overall average and satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes or will be placed on a probation contract.
- I will use one binder for all of my class materials. I will keep this binder organized at all times.
- I will be an active learner, be prepared for all classes with all assigned work completed, take Cornell notes daily, and be an active participant in all activities.
- I will use the strategies I learn in AVID to improve my performance in all of my other classes
- I will come to AVID class prepared for tutorial sessions with the TRF pre-work completed, AVID binder with Cornell notes, and textbooks. I will use critical thinking, inquiry, and collaboration with my classmates to create greater understanding about my point of confusion.
- I will dedicate at least 1-2 hours of my free time each day to my studies, including reviewing my class notes daily.
- I will participate in extracurricular activities and community service
- I will maintain enrollment in all college prep courses (including honors, Regents Plus and Advanced Placement)
- I will participate in the Mustang Mission's IMPACT Day in the spring
- I will attend summer school as needed to take additional coursework and/or to raise my grades to maintain my college eligibility
- I will prepare for and take college entrance exams such as the PSAT, SAT, and ACT
- I will work harder than I have ever worked before in order to achieve academic success

# Parent / Guardian Responsibilities

I will support my child by:

- Partnering with the AVID elective teacher through regular communication and attendance at parent / guardian meetings
- Monitoring my child's academic process to ensure that he/she is on track for meeting the grade and course requirements to remain in AVID and in line for the successful completion of college eligibility requirements.
- Checking for an organized binder with agenda, content class Cornell notes, and Tutorial Request Forms weekly
- Encouraging opportunities to take rigorous courses, complete college prep/entrance exams, and participate in community service, extracurricular activities, and leadership opportunities

#### We agree to support the efforts of this student in meeting these goals

Parent / Guardian Name

Parent / Guardian Signature

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AVID Elective Teacher Signature

AVID Site Coordinator