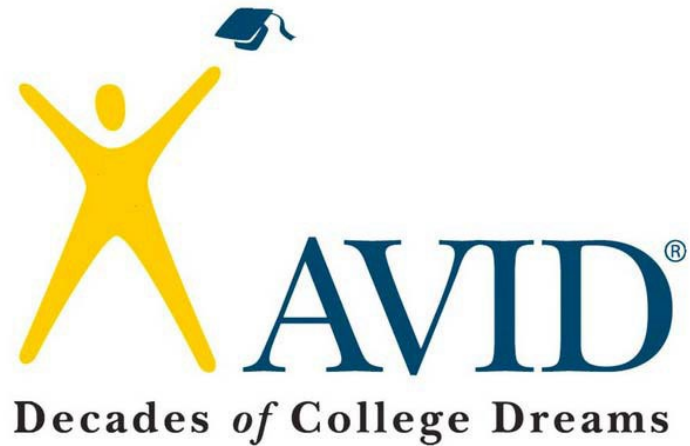




WELCOME

**AVID 12 @ Eastlake High School
Elective Class and Application Process
Spring 2025**



Am I a good fit for AVID?

- We believe all students are capable of greatness so you can have the skills to succeed in rigorous courses.
- We look at student data including:
 - GPA
 - State Test Scores

In AVID we focus on improving

- Organization (Planners, Back packs)
- Study Skills- Note Taking, Test taking skills, Tutorials
- Presentation Skills

In addition, in AVID 12 we will focus on...

- College Applications
- College Life



Work Smarter Not Harder

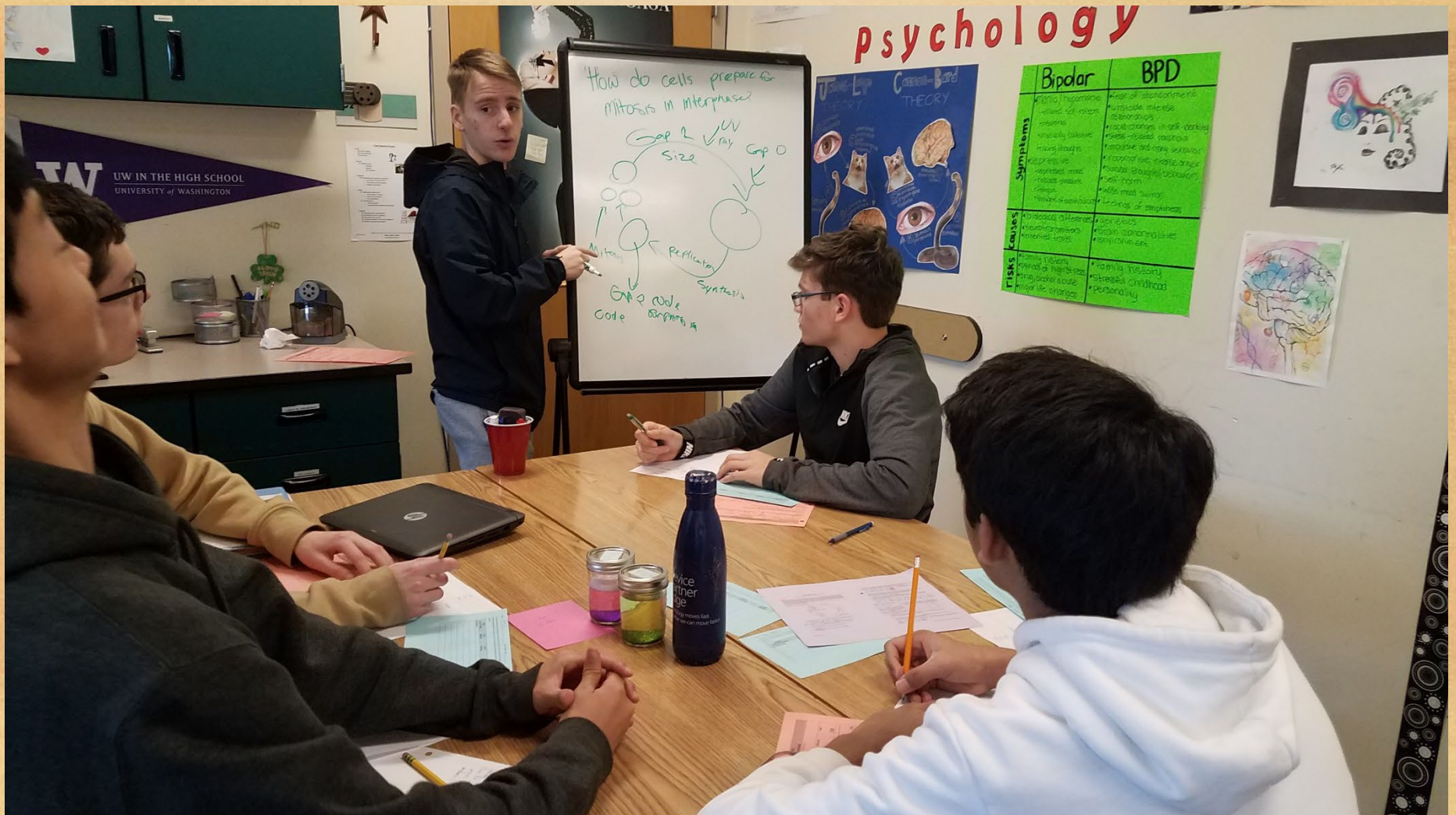
- Identify effective study strategies
 - Focused Notes as a Study Guide
 - Tests (and Finals)
- Intentionally build college portfolio
 - SAT/ACT Prep
 - Application
- Goal Setting:
 - Personal
 - Academic
 - Student Involvement



All AVID Elective Classes Emphasize...

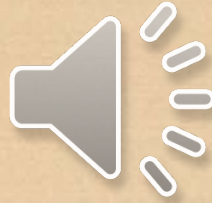
- Note Taking Skills
- Organization Skills
- Individual and Peer Study Skills
- Grade Checks and Analysis
- Strong Family-like Community
- College Focus And College Field Trips
- Self-Reflection

Tutorials



How has AVID helped prepare me for college?

Thoughts from a current 12th Grade AVID Student



What AVID really is

Thoughts from a 12th Grade AVID Student, Class of 2024

College Prep:

- Finding schools
- Due dates
- Applying for school and financial aid
- Getting letters of rec



READING

- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching

ORGANIZATION

- Binders and organizational tools
- Calendars, planners, and agendas
- Graphic organizers
- A focused note-taking system
- Tutorials and study groups
- Project planning and SMART goals

WRITING

- Cornell Notes/Learning Logs
- Quickwrites and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing



INQUIRY

- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa's Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions that Guide Research

COLLABORATION

- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning



AVID APPLICATION



APPLICATION PROCESS

- The Application is available on the Eastlake webpage.
 - Go to the Academics tab, and then to the AVID page
- Submit completed applications to the AVID Site Coordinator, Sara Norris, via email snorris@lwsd.org
- Student Interviews via Classroom Teams
- Students notified about acceptance
- Schedule changes made



APPLICATION

- Page 1- Personal Data
- Page 2- Short Answer

Application- Page 1

Current School:
Year you will graduate high school:



AVID 2025-2026 Application (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

AVID is an elective class offered during the school day to students who would like to learn the skills necessary to be ready for college. The curriculum features writing, inquiry, collaboration, reading, note taking and study skills. Students must make a commitment to use the AVID strategies that they learn in all their classes. Finally, students must demonstrate the individual determination to succeed.

Directions for the Student: Please Complete and *Email* this form to Sara Norris, snorris@lwsd.org, the EHS AVID Site Coordinator. **You must also CC your parent/guardian in the email. By submitting your application via email, you and your parent/guardian approve of you applying to the AVID Program at EHS.**

Name:
Home Phone #:
Student Email:
Parent/Guardian Name(s):
Parent/Guardian Email:
Language(s) Spoken at Home:

Please select what the highest degree or level of school your parent/guardian has completed:

- ☐ No schooling completed
- ☐ Some high school, no diploma
- ☐ High school graduate, diploma or the equivalent (for example: GED)
- ☒ Some college credit, no degree
- ☐ Trade/Technical/Vocational Training
- ☐ Associates Degree
- ☐ Bachelor's Degree
- ☐ Master's Degree
- ☐ Doctorate Degree

Was an undergraduate degree obtained from an international program? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Please check the following boxes indicating your understanding of each:

- ☐ I understand that the AVID elective class is a regular class period during the regular seven period day.
- ☐ I understand that if I am selected and I accept my placement in the AVID program, that an elective I requested when initially registering will be dropped and replaced with the AVID elective.



Application- Page 2

Please answer the following questions with honesty and to your best ability.

1. Write two positive words a teacher might use to describe you:

1.

2.

2. Why do you want to take the AVID Elective class?

3. What motivates you to succeed in school?

4. Complete this statement: When I miss class I

5. Complete this statement: When I receive paperwork or handouts in class I...

6. Complete this statement: When I have a problem with homework I...

7. Select the number below that best describes how much you agree with the following statement:

"I want to push and challenge myself to change ineffective habits."

1-Strongly Agree

2-Agree

3-Neither Agree or Disagree

4-Disagree

5-Strongly Disagree



The Interview

- The high school site team will be conducting student interviews via Classroom Teams
- You will be emailed additional information after the due date for applications
- We are looking for students
 - with a sincere interest and commitment in AVID
 - interested in learning new skills and improving their academic achievement
 - who want to go to college



Frequently Asked Questions

- Can I switch out at the semester if I don't like it?
 - No, it's a year long class.
- How do colleges view AVID on my transcript?
 - Positively! They know what AVID is and know that you have the skills you need to be successful in college.
- What if I don't get in?
 - You will be placed on a waitlist and notified if a spot opens up.
- Will I be able to get all of the credits I need for graduation?
 - Yes, see the slide with the sample 4 year plan.



Additional Questions?

Electronic versions of this PowerPoint and the Application are posted to the EHS Webpage.

AVID Site Coordinator: Sara Norris snorris@lwsd.org
AVID Counselor: Jennifer Schwarz jeschwarz@lwsd.org
AVID Administrator: Allyson Cagney acagney@lwsd.org



Testimonials

“AVID sets you up for success, it makes you feel more prepared for college and gives you the tools to be the most successful student.” – AVID 2021 Graduate

“AVID is a college prep program that puts emphasis on notetaking skills and teaches you about stuff that will help you get into colleges.” – AVID 2022 Graduate

“[AVID] teaches me to be more organized with my assignments, and how to plan it out correctly. If I have a question about something I don’t understand, I take steps to learn to understand it better.” –AVID 2024 Student

“AVID has made me feel more aware of my assignments and of what I can do to improve my grade.” –AVID 2024 Student

“So far at Eastlake AVID has helped me stay organized and has taught me how to effectively use note-taking to enhance my high school experience and the change in grades through this Fall has been incredible. I went from a student with B’s and C’s to now being a student with A’s and B’s.” –AVID 2025 Student