



# Parent Information Session

## AVID Impact

(Sleepy Hollow Middle School/Tarrytown Schools)

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# What is AVID?

- **AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination and takes the place as a full five day elective at Sleepy Hollow Middle School. AVID prepares students with academic potential, for success in advanced middle school & high school classes and in college.**
- **AVID uses trained tutors twice a week to conduct study seminars with the goal of supporting students with accelerated coursework.**

# Who Are WE? This is AVID





# What is AVID?

- An elective taken in 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grade and possibly throughout High School
- A **schoolwide** college readiness system
- A structured approach to **rigorous curriculum**
- Direct support structure for **first-generation college students**
- **Professional learning** for educators



# Why college readiness?

Will every student pursue higher education?

***Not necessarily.***

Should every student be prepared for and have the option to attend college or pursue higher education?

***Absolutely!***



# What does AVID do?

- Develops **readers and writers**
- Develops deep **content knowledge**
- Teaches **content-specific strategies** for reading, writing, thinking, and speaking
- Develops **habits, skills, and behaviors** to use knowledge and abilities

# AVID Elective Class

- A full year elective credit class
- Focus on **W**riting, **I**nquiry, **O**rganization, **C**ollaboration, **R**eading
- College exploration
- Enhances students success in all other classes





# How AVID Works

- **Accelerates under-achieving students** who have potential into more rigorous courses
- **Teaches academic and social skills** not targeted in other classes
- **Provides intensive support** with in-class tutors and a strong student/teacher relationship
- **Creates a positive peer group** for students
- **Develops a sense of hope and personal achievement** gained through **hard work** and **determination**

# The AVID Elective Student Profile

## Has **academic potential**

- Average to high test scores
- 2.0–3.5 GPA
- College potential with support
- Desire and determination



# The AVID Elective Student Profile

Possibly meets one or more of the following criteria:

- First in family to attend college
- Historically underserved in four-year colleges
- Low-income
- Special circumstances



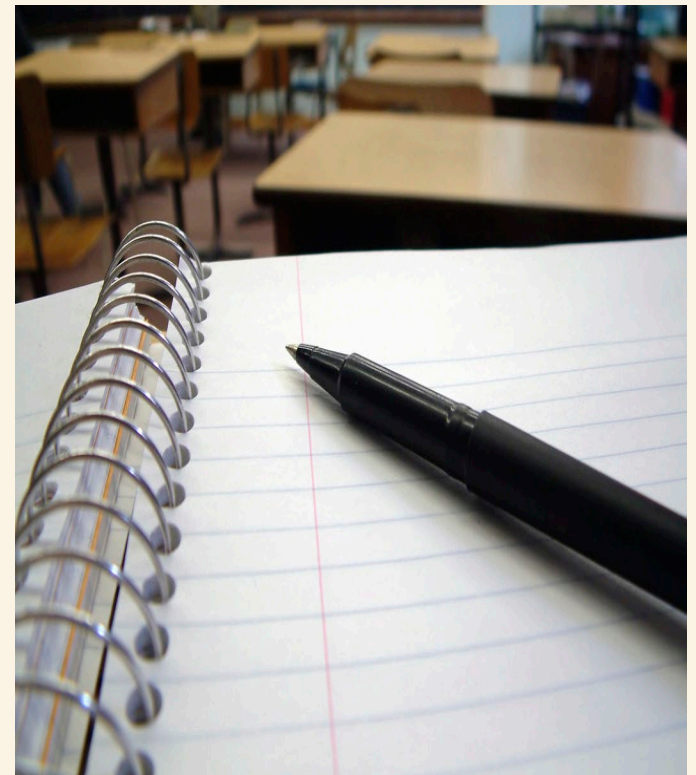


# A Typical AVID Week

- Mon & Wed Avid curriculum – strategy work to be used in all classes
- Tues & Thurs - tutoring sessions in specific content areas
- Fridays - Career and college readiness activities

# Learning Strategies

- Writing to Learn
- Reading to Learn
- Cornell Note-taking
  - 2 column notes
  - Binder for organization
- WICOR
  - Writing
  - Inquiry
  - Collaboration
  - Organization
  - Reading



# Tutoring

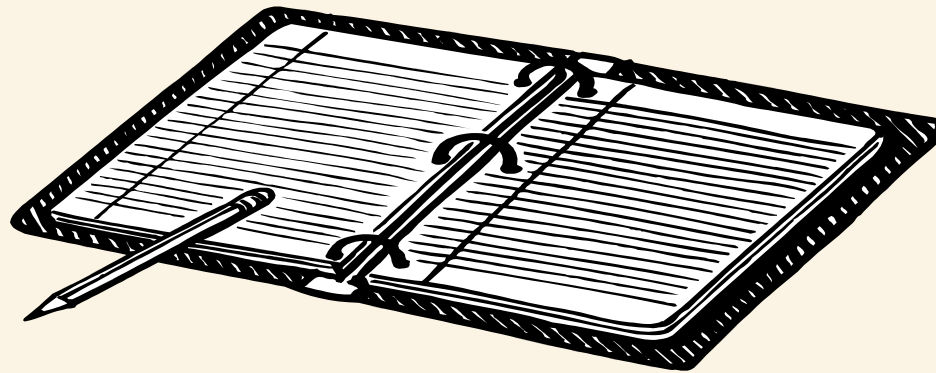


- Twice each week during AVID class
- 7-8 students to each tutor ratio
- Paid and volunteer tutors from local colleges and the community
- Focus on high-level questioning and collaboration
- Supports students success in challenging classes



# AVID Binder

- Teaches and reinforces organizational skills
- Evidence of class notes from all classes
- Checked weekly in AVID class





# What Happens to AVID Students???

- AVID students are more likely to enroll in **AP classes and** Honors classes
- AVID students are more likely to complete a **college-readiness curriculum**
- AVID students are more likely to be accepted by a **4-year college and stay in college**

# Now What??



1. Complete AVID Application
2. Bring Application to your principal, or guidance counselor
3. Upon selection to the AVID program, parents and students sign acceptance form.
4. Follow AVID curriculum
5. Experience an incredible journey

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# QUESTIONS???

[www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org)

# Rubberband Clap

## Directions

- Hold hands 2 inches apart.
- Say, “Stretch it,” and pull hands further apart.
- Say, “Stretch it,” and pull hands further apart.
- Say, “Stretch it,” and pull hands even further apart.
- **Clap hands rapidly together multiple times.**



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# THANK YOU!



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