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OCDE AVID UPDATE



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AVID Speaker Contest is open!

January 2, 2026

AVID is looking for passionate students and educators ready to share their unique perspectives, ideas, and experiences. This isn't just a speech competition—it's a chance to make your mark, inspire others, and grow your confidence. Whether you're a storyteller, a visionary, or a future leader, they want to hear from you. And yes, you'll have plenty of fun along the way! Visit the [website](#) for details and information. The process has changed this year.

Senior Scholarship Applications

Opens November 17, 2025

Due December 15, 2025 at 1 pm

The AVID Senior Scholarship Application template is available on our [website](#). Remember this is a new portal and process this year. In order to help, Denise will offer virtual office hours to answer teacher questions at <https://ocde.zoom.us/j/89709169948> on the following dates:

- Thursday, November 20 from 2:30-4:00 pm
- Monday, December 1 from 8:00-10:00 am
- Thursday, December 4 from 11:30-1:30 pm
- Thursday, December 11 from 12:00-1:30 pm
- Monday, December 15 from 11:00-12:30 pm

If you have questions and need help, please email me and we can set up other meetings if needed.

AVID 8th Ceremony Grade Dates

We are currently confirming dates with Angels Baseball for the recognition ceremony. We have a tentative date but are not able to release the date just yet, but we are looking at the second week of May for the award ceremony.

ATTN: SENIOR TEACHERS

Senior Scholarship Nominations

This year we are not doing the application review form. Instead, I am asking the senior teachers to complete a [nomination form](#) for the students completing the AVID Senior Scholarship application. Since we have new processes, this is also where you will upload the signed [authorization form](#) for your student. I suggest you give all nominees the authorization form early and have them return it to you so you can upload the form. Applications will not be accepted without the signed form. Transcripts will be uploaded to the application portal.



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

NOV. 17 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS

DEC. 15 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DUE (1:00 PM)

DEC. 18 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP TEACHER RECOMMENDATION LETTERS DUE

FEB. 6 – 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FEB. 13 – 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APR. 15 – SENIOR STANDOUT RECOGNITION & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

DEC. 4 - 8TH GRADE SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

MAR. 3 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT APPLICATION DUE

MAY TBD - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT RECOGNITION