
AVID Program

Advancement Via





Individual

Determination

*[L. avidus]: eager for
knowledge*







What is AVID?

-  **A structured, college preparatory program working directly with schools and districts**
 -  **A direct support structure for college goers, grades 4-12**
 -  **A schoolwide approach to curriculum and rigor working in over 2,700 middle schools and high schools in 39 states and 15 countries**
 -  **A professional development program providing training throughout the U.S.**
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The Mission of AVID

The mission of AVID is to ensure that **ALL** students, *and most especially the least served students who are in the middle:*

-  will succeed in rigorous curriculum;
 -  will complete a rigorous college preparatory path;
 -  will enter mainstream activities of the school;
 -  will increase their enrollment in four-year colleges
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AVID: 25 Years of Success

For 25 years, AVID has served more than 200,000 students, becoming one of the most successful college-preparatory programs ever in more than 2,000 U.S. schools in 39 states, Canada, and 15 other countries.

The AVID Student Profile

Students With Academic Potential

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

Often Meets One or More of the Following Criteria

- 🎓 Academic middle, academically unsuccessful
 - 🎓 Historically underserved in four-year colleges
 - 🎓 Special circumstances
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AVID Program Essentials

- **AVID student selection**
 - **Voluntary participation**
 - **AVID elective class offered during the school day**
 - **Rigorous course and study**
 - **Reading and writing curriculum**
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Essentials Continued

- **Inquiry to promote critical reading**
 - **Collaboration**
 - **Trained tutors**
 - **Data collection and analysis**
 - **District and school commitment**
 - **Active and interdisciplinary site team**
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How does the AVID program contribute to student success?

- Teaches study and organizational skills
 - Uses English as a writing tool for learning
 - Strengthens their writing skills taught in LA classes
 - Gives tutorial help through college tutors
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- Takes students to visit colleges and universities
 - Assists students with the application process for four year colleges and universities
 - Helps students explore careers through guest speakers
 - Teaches students to work collaboratively to be successful in the most rigorous courses
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What is Academic Rigor?

Rigor is the goal of helping students develop the capacity to understand content that is *complex, ambiguous, provocative, and personally or emotionally* challenging.

Taking rigorous courses opens doors





Source: Teaching What Matters Most; Standards and Strategies for Raising Student Achievement by Strong, Silver and Perini, ASCD, 2001.

Meeting the Challenge

To help all students do rigorous work and meet or exceed high standards in each content area we must help students:

- 🎓 **Develop as readers and writers.**
 - 🎓 **Develop deep content knowledge.**
 - 🎓 **Know content specific strategies for reading, writing, thinking and talking.**
 - 🎓 **Develop habits, skills, and behaviors to use knowledge and skills.**
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Why AVID Works

-  **Places AVID students in rigorous curriculum and gives them the support to achieve;**
 -  **Provides the explicit “hidden curriculum” of schools;**
 -  **Provides a team of students for positive peer identification; and**
 -  **Redefines teacher’s role as that of student advocate.**
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Our Goal

To support students so that they achieve academic success and are able to succeed in advanced placement coursework.

Questions?
