

AVID Facts

- **What is AVID?**

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class, during the school day, based on writing as a tool of learning, inquiry method, and collaborative grouping. The three main components of the program are:

- academic instruction,
- tutorial support, and
- motivational activities

AVID is offered in grades seven through twelve. AVID is a state approved innovative course, and students in grades nine through twelve receive an elective credit for the course each year. In 2005-2006, AVID will be available at all junior highs in grades seven and eight, at Berkner, Richardson, and Pearce High Schools in grades nine and ten, and at Lake Highlands High School in grades nine, ten, and eleven.

The AVID Mission Statement

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, and
- Will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they increase schoolwide/districtwide learning and performance.

- **Who is an AVID student?**

AVID students are students in the middle , capable of completing a college preparatory path with support. These students often are not realizing their full potential academically. In the identification process a number of criteria are considered, including:

- TAKS Scores (passing scores)
- Grades (passing)
- Citizenship
- Attendance
- Desire and Determination
- First in Family to Attend College
- Historically Underrepresented in 4-year Colleges
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Other Special Circumstances

While all of the criteria are considered for acceptance into the program, no single criteria will necessarily eliminate a student from consideration. The AVID program should reflect the demographics of the school it is serving.

Students participating in special education, REACH, ESL will be considered for AVID based on the criteria listed above. Currently, there are a number of students from these groups successfully participating in the AVID program.

- **Once selected for AVID, what are the student requirements?**

AVID students must:

- attend and AVID elective class,
- enroll in one or more advanced academic class (Pre-AP or AP) each semester,
- maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes,
- maintain the AVID binder with assignment/grade record sheets and daily notes in all classes, and
- complete all homework assignments and commit to studying every night.

- **What does the AVID Elective Class look like?**

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday (Enrichment)</i>
AVID Curriculum <i>AVID Teacher</i>	Tutorials <i>College Students supervised by AVID Teacher</i>	AVID Curriculum <i>AVID Teacher</i>	Tutorials <i>College Students supervised by AVID Teacher</i>	Binder Evaluations Field Trips Media Center Speakers Motivational Activities

AVID Curriculum includes:
Writing Curriculum
College and Careers
Strategies for Success

AVID Tutorials:
Collaborative Study Groups
Writing Groups
Socratic Seminars

- **What AVID is:**

- an acronym that stands for Advancement via Individual Determination
- an in-school academic support program for grades 7 – 12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success
- for all students, but it targets those in the academic middle
- implemented school wide and district wide.

- **What AVID Isn't:**

- a remedial program
- a free ride
- a school within a school
- a quick fix
- an affirmative action program