



## What is AVID?

AVID, **Advancement Via Individual Determination**, is a schoolwide **college and career readiness system**. AVID is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school. The AVID College Readiness System is the only elementary through higher education instructional system (K–16), which allows for regional alignment that strengthens student potential for completion. AVID-trained educators teach students academic and social skills to help them develop the habits and behaviors needed to **succeed in rigorous curriculum**. The AVID College Readiness System is a catalyst for developing a **school culture** that closes the achievement, expectation, and opportunity gaps many students face, and it **prepares all students for success in a global society**.

## How does AVID work?

AVID aligns a school campus with the most **current research-based college and career readiness practices**. At the elementary level, AVID instructional practices are used **schoolwide**. At the secondary level, AVID instructional practices are used **schoolwide**, and the

**AVID Elective class** is utilized to add an extra layer of support for college readiness if a student chooses to participate. In addition, AVID professional learning and resources help teachers improve student performance by embedding best teaching practices, encouraging selfadvocacy, providing support, and building relationships that encourage high levels of student engagement. AVID is a leader in professional learning, training more than 25,000 educators each year.

**An AVID Student...**

should be...	might be...	won't be...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Highly motivated</li> <li>✓ Needing assistance with organization, self-advocacy and self-accountability, and/or collaborative skills</li> <li>✓ Willing to give back to the community through volunteerism</li> <li>✓ Willing to work hard and to strive for more               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This class is not for the lazy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ In the academic "middle"</li> <li>➤ Needing assistance with breaking out of the "shy" zone or needing assistance with finding his/her voice</li> <li>➤ An overachiever who needs social skills</li> <li>➤ Needing additional support because home support may or may not be available</li> <li>➤ Looking for a place to fit in with other like-minded students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Demonstrating poor classroom behavior</li> <li>❖ Demonstrating poor attendance</li> <li>❖ Unmotivated to complete assignments (including homework)</li> <li>❖ Resisting change               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students may be pushed beyond comfort zones.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❖ Unwilling to accept help</li> </ul>

\*The student should be making the decision to be in AVID.

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