

AVID Student Quotes

- *“AVID is a challenge to be better.”*
- *“AVID has given me the confidence to prove to myself that I can do it and follow my dreams.”*
- *“AVID has helped me get through most of my classes.”*
- *“AVID is a wonderful program!”*
- *“AVID has helped me take notes and it’s a great challenge.”*
- *“AVID has provided me with the confidence to complete my goals.”*
- *“AVID has helped me focus on my studies more.”*
- *“AVID is a wonderful program. You are lucky to be in it!”*
- *“AVID is very helpful. It helps me succeed in life!”*
- *AVID has helped me prepare for college.”*

AVID Facts

The AVID Parent

AVID parents encourage their students to achieve academically, participate on an advisory board and in AVID parent and site team meetings, and maintain regular contact with the AVID coordinator.

The AVID Curriculum

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and senior high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is driven by the [WICOR](#) method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. AVID curriculum is used in AVID elective classes, in content-area classes in AVID schools, and even in schools where the AVID elective is not offered.

The AVID Tutor

Small group tutors are essential to the success of the AVID elective class, where they facilitate student access to rigorous curriculum. As students from colleges and universities, tutors receive formal training and also serve as role models. AVID students who continue their education in college often return to the program as tutors.

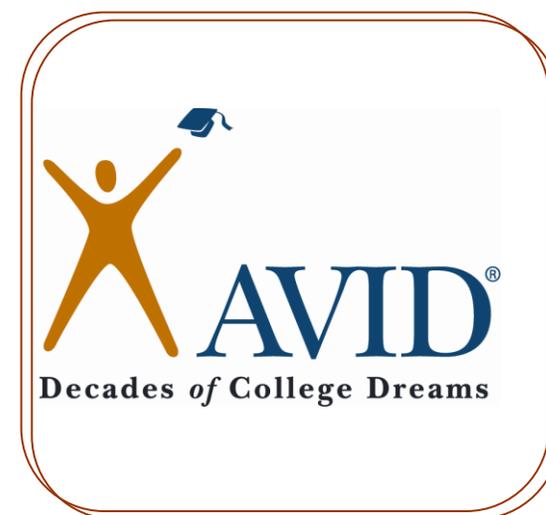


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Advancement Via Individual Determination

avid adj. (L. *avidus*, eager for knowledge)

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What is AVID?

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

- Academic instruction
- Tutorial support
- Motivational activities

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

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:

- 2.0 - 3.5 GPA
- Citizenship
- Attendance
- Desire and Determination
- May be the First in the Family to Attend College
- May be Historically Underrepresented in 4-year colleges/universities
- Other Special Circumstances

Thomas Jefferson Middle School AVID Site Team

Tom Adams, Principal
Brian Luderman, Associate Principal
Cameron DeYoung, Counselor
Jeannie Meyer, Counselor
Sean Vance, 7th gr. AVID elective teacher
Jill Rauch, 8th gr. AVID elective teacher & Site Team Coordinator
Courtney Yinger, District Representative

AVID Trained Teachers on Site Team:
Karina Kelley
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Julia Carstensen

AVID Activities

- Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading (WICR) methodologies are the basis for curriculum instruction
- Students participate in one or more field trips to colleges/universities
- College students act as role models and facilitate academic discussion in regularly scheduled tutorial groups
- Students develop academic and social skills for success in all subject areas
- Guest speakers provide motivation and college and professional career information
- AVID students participate in extracurricular and community events

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