

The AVID Elective

The AVID Elective is the centerpiece of the AVID Program. Students take the Elective for credit for all four years of high school. They meet with their teacher to learn study skills and strategies, explore colleges and careers based on their interests, go on field trips to enhance their educational program, and work with college tutors to prepare for life after high school. The AVID Elective is a required component of the program.



AVID's Mission

The mission of AVID is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.



Interested in AVID? Contact us !

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AVID

Advancement
Via
Individual
Determination



College Preparatory Program

Morris Hills
Regional District

What is AVID?

AVID is an acronym that stands for
Advancement Via Individual

Determination. AVID is a nationwide, four-year program that is designed to help students in the academic middle prepare for and succeed in high school and college. With individual support by trained faculty, students will pursue a challenging and rigorous curriculum while investigating careers and colleges, learning more effective study strategies, and working collaboratively with like-minded peers.



The AVID approach is based on rigor and high expectations, however the core component of the program is the AVID Elective, which lends support to students as they tackle the school's most rigorous classes.

Over the course of four years, students will work with their AVID Elective teacher and specially trained tutors to develop independent study skills, questioning techniques, and career awareness.

A Different Approach to Teaching and Learning

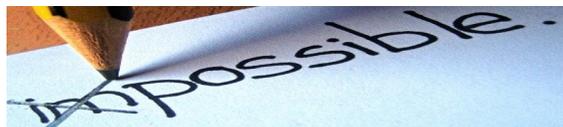
AVID teachers are specially trained in innovative approaches to education such as:

- WICOR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading)
- Reciprocal Teaching
- Socratic Seminar
- Cornell Notes



AVID Activities Include:

- Developing organizational, reading, writing and note-taking skills for all classes
- Support in learning with specially trained tutors
- The development of leadership skills
- Participating in extra curricular and community activities
- Visiting college campuses and assistance with the college search and college applications



Student Selection

Students must be admitted to the AVID Program in order to participate. The most critical factors to being successful in AVID is the student's motivation and willingness to work hard in a supportive and nurturing environment.

AVID students are often in the academic middle, believing that they could take more challenging courses if they have help and support from their teachers. Above all, they want to be successful and are willing to work hard to get there.

AVID students may be, but are not required to be, the first in their family to attend college.



Application Process

Students must submit their 7th and 8th grade report card, standardized test scores, a writing sample and participate in a personal interview in order to be considered for admission

Students will be considered based on the AVID guidelines and any special circumstances.