The Road to College: Rigor, Readiness, and Retention
AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.
Over 40 years, AVID has become one of the most successful college-preparatory programs and today reaches more than 400,000 students in approximately 4,800 schools in 48 states and 16 other countries.
What is AVID?

- A structured, college preparatory system working directly with schools and districts
- A direct support structure for students determined to succeed in higher-level courses
- A schoolwide approach to curriculum and rigor adopted by more than 4,800 schools in 48 states and 16 countries
- A professional development program providing training for teachers throughout the world
AVID IS NOT:

A remedial program
A program for students already taking multiple honors and AP courses
A study skills program
A replacement for supports provided by IEPs or 504 Plans

AVID IS:

A program for motivated students who think they can take more challenging coursework if they have great teachers and support during the day
The 11 Essentials

- Selective Admissions Process
- Voluntary participation
- AVID elective class offered during the school day
- Rigorous course of study
- Strong, relevant writing and reading curriculum
- Inquiry to promote critical thinking
- Collaboration as a basis of instruction
- Trained tutors
- Data collection and analysis
- District and school commitment
- Active interdisciplinary site team
In September 2023, the MHRD proudly welcomed 20 students into the AVID Class of 2027.

Currently we have 86 AVID students in grades 9-12.

39 AVID-trained teachers at MH (2 in each core subject area).

The MHRD offers continued support to its AVID Content Area and Elective teachers and PD opportunities to all subject area teachers.

Site Team meetings to discuss curriculum, student successes, student concerns.
Morris Hills Curriculum

AVID Curriculum
- AVID Elective
- Social Studies/Science/Math with AVID-trained teachers
- English 9H with AVID-trained teacher/English 10/11/12
- PE 9/10/11/12
- World Language
- Other elective course(s)

AVID Requirements
All AVID students must maintain an overall minimum GPA of 80 AND be recommended for one, or more, Honors or Advanced Placement classes for each year they are in the program

AVID Support
- AVID Elective Teacher
- AVID Content Area Teachers
- AVID Counselors
- AVID Coordinator
- Principal & Admin
- AVID District Director
- Superintendent
The AVID Elective is the core of the AVID program at Morris Hills High School.

In the AVID Elective, students experience:

- **Trained Tutors & Tutorials**
  - Binder checks and Note-taking
  - Organizational skills
  - Time management
  - Higher-order questioning

- **WICOR Strategies**
  - Writing
  - Inquiry
  - Collaboration
  - Organization
  - Reading

- **Leadership & Team-building**
  - Leadership opportunities
  - Team-building across the program

- **College Preparation**
  - PSAT Prep
  - SAT & ACT Prep
  - FAFSA Night
  - College essay prep
  - Scholarship opportunities
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
- Develop their critical thinking and questioning skills
The AVID Student Profile

Students With Academic Potential

■ Average to high test scores
■ Recommended for mostly CPA-level classes in core academic areas
■ 4-Year College potential with support
■ Desire and determination
■ Motivation is key!

May Meet One or More of the Following Criteria

■ First in family to attend college
■ Historically underserved in four-year colleges
■ Economically Disadvantaged
■ Special circumstances
Why AVID Works

- Places AVID students in rigorous curriculum and gives them the support to achieve
  - Acceleration, not remediation!
- Provides the explicit “hidden curriculum” of schools
- AVID is a schoolwide initiative
- AVID methodologies are based on research and best practices
- Redefines the teacher’s role as that of student advocate
### Average NJSLA Scores

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A score of 750 or higher is considered “College & Career Ready”
## Honors/AP Recommendations (Class of 2022)

**Total Number of Honors/AP Recommendations for the Class of 2022**

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Other Benefits to AVID

- College visitations: Moravian College, Stockton University, Kutztown University, Wilkes University, Bloomsburg University, Temple University, St. Peter’s University, East Stroudsburg University, Drew University, Rutgers University, Columbia University, New York University, Montclair State University, Centenary University, Penn State University, Caldwell University, Ramapo College, The College of New Jersey, Wagner College, NJIT, Felician University, Seton Hall University, Manhattan College, Pace University, William Paterson University, and more!

- College & Career Fairs: The New Jersey International College Fair, the AVID College and Career Seminar with the Brooklyn Nets and AVID Day with the NY Jets

- AVID Student Recognition

- AVID Elective - School Supplies

- Specialized evening programs for our AVID students and their families (i.e. AVID Freshman Parent Night, AVID 12 FAFSA Night, etc.)
AVID Class of 2022

AVID Class of 2023
# MH AVID College Acceptances

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How to Join the Program

Application Process:

- Fill out the online application and sign up for an interview by February 12th.
- Attend your interview on February 13th or 15th. Submit your required essay (either at the time of application or via email no later than your interview date)
- AVID is at Morris Hills HS.
  - Students living in the Knolls sending area will become Morris Hills students for all academics, athletics, and activities for grades 9-12. Transportation will be provided.
- If you are accepted and decide to join AVID, you agree to stay in the program for one year. (Knolls students who withdraw can either stay at Hills or return to Knolls.)

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY February 12th.
AVID Resources

- **AVID College Prep Program at MHHS**
- **The AVID Approach**
- **AVID on Twitter**
- **Morris Hills High School**