

AVID 11 Syllabus



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Students in AVID can expect to see the following in their class throughout the week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Curriculum: College and Careers, Writing, Critical Reading, Test Preparation, Research, WICR	Structured Tutorials	Curriculum: College and Careers, Writing, Critical Reading, Test Preparation, Research, WICR	Study Hall / Homework Days Tutorial	Team Building: Field Trips, Guest Speakers, Games, Socratic Seminars

Course Description and Goals

The AVID class is designed to offer students who have been selected based on their work ethics and desire to learn the necessary skills and work habits to enable them to perform quality work and succeed at the college level. Tutorials are done on twice a week. AVID curriculum is completed on the other two days. Friday is usually reserved for motivational activities.

Many of the methods employed and curriculum used in this class will assist students in meeting their academic goals. Some of the topics to be covered will include:

- Study skills
- Note taking
- Writing
- Time & goal management
- Collaboration
- Typing
- Presentations
- Portfolio projects
- Career discovery
- Strategies for success
- Peer support
- Self-assessment
- Fundraising
- Seminars & discussions
- College exploration
- Organization skills
- Test-taking skills
- Inquiry
- Higher order thinking

The AVID elective class can be challenging and rigorous. It requires a commitment from the student and parental support to get the most of this exceptional class. With these factors in place, the AVID class can be stimulating, engaging, and rewarding.

Class Supplies

A neat, organized binder with appropriate contents is an important part of the AVID class. Binder checks are done once a week and are part of their overall grade. Along with class notes and tutorial worksheets, the contents must include:

- 2" – 3" 3-ring binder
- 2 or more pens
- Sufficient amount of extra paper
- Agenda book filled out
- Subject dividers or folders for each class
- 2 or more pencils
- 1 highlighter

Grading Policy

Grades will be posted in the classroom weekly. Students are expected to be in class everyday, participate, and do all assignments.

Points are distributed as follows:

Binders (binder, agenda, notes): 30%
Tutorials: 30%
AVID curriculum : 30%
MISC: 10%

Percent to letter grade is as follows:

A = 90% - 100%
B = 80% - 89%
C = 70% - 79%
D = 60% - 69%
F = 59% or below

AVID students must be dedicated to improvement in their classes. Progress will be monitored by both the students and by the AVID teacher. It is expected that the student maintain at least an overall 2.0 g.p.a. Students who fail to maintain a GPA which reflects strong work-ethics and progress will be placed on academic probation (excluding them from class privileges) and/or may be removed from the AVID program.

As an AVID teacher, it is my priority to assist each one of my AVID students to succeed. I am committed to assisting students with issues regarding any aspect of any of their classes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I have found that e-mail is the best way to contact me and for me to contact you for any reason. My e-mail is kfairall@fbusd.us or you can always call me at FBHS.