

Parent/Student Information

My student and I are interested in participating in the AVID College Preparatory Program.

(Please provide the following information):

Student's Name

Parent/ Guardian's Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

School Currently Attending

Parent/Guardian Signature

AVID Student & Parent Quotes

“AVID has helped me organize my day and my work. Before AVID, I didn't understand how important that was.”

Mount Vernon High School Student

“Without my AVID teacher's support, I would not be in the classes I need for college preparation.”

Mount Vernon High School Student

“I just can't tell my parents I don't have any homework like I used to. Now I have to show them my calendar and have them sign it.”

Sixth Grade Student

“My daughter has always wanted to go to the University of Washington. She is smart, too smart for me to help her with her math and writing. Now I know she has someone to help her with these subjects and help both of us with college and student loan applications.”

Mount Vernon High School Parent



Advancement Via Individual
Determination

A College Preparatory Elective
Class

Ferndale High School
Ferndale School District

Supporting Academics for Excellence
Smaller Learning Communities

AVID MISSION

AVID is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, especially the least served students in the middle, complete a college preparatory path.

AVID students will:

- Succeed in the most rigorous curriculum.
- Enter the mainstream activities of the school.
- Increase their enrollment in four-year colleges.
- Become educated and responsible participants & leaders in a democratic society.

AVID Facts

AVID is used in over 2,700 schools in 39 states and the District of Columbia and across 15 countries.

Nearly 200,000 students are enrolled in the AVID elective.

95% of AVID students reported enrolling in college.

77% of AVID students enroll in four-year institutions and 17% in community colleges.

AVID Student Profile

The AVID student is a student with academic potential:

- Test scores indicate academic promise *
- College potential with support
- Desire and determination

*(Exceptions include English Language Learners and special circumstances)

The AVID student meets one or more of the following criteria:

- First generation in their family to attend college
- Historically “least served” in 4-year colleges/universities
- Low income
- Special circumstances

The AVID student is:

- Willing to commit to enrollment in a rigorous college prep sequence of courses leading to Advanced Placement.
- Willing to participate in summer school, if needed, to create schedule options that will allow continued enrollment in AVID throughout high school.
- Average or above in citizenship and has regular attendance.

AVID Activities

- Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading (WICR) methodologies are the basis for curriculum instruction
- Students participate in field trips to colleges/universities; extracurricular and community events
- 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 including goal setting, Cornell Notes, time management and organizational skills
- Guest speakers provide motivation and college and professional career information
- Assistance in completing college applications, searching for scholarships and securing financial aid is facilitated by the AVID teacher
- Regularly scheduled parent meetings

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