AVID Facts

What is AVID?

AVID College Readiness System is an academic regularly scheduled elective class during the school day. The curriculum is based on writing and critical thinking and reading, inquiry, and collaborative learning strategies.

The three main components are:

- Academic instruction
- Tutorial support
- College Readiness

AVID is offered in grades four through twelve. GPISD AVID campuses include: Arnold Middle School, Fannin Middle School, Truman Middle School, GPHS 9th, GPHS, SGPHS 9th, SGPHS and Dubiski Career HS.

The AVID Mission Statement

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

- To succeed in rigorous curriculum
- To complete a rigorous college preparatory path
- To enter mainstream activities of the school
- To increase their enrollment in four year colleges
- To become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society

AVID's systemic approach is designed to support students and educators as they increase schoolwide/districtwide learning and performance.

What AVID is:

- An acronym that stands for Advancement via Individual Determination - [L. avidus]: eager for knowledge
- An in-school academic support program for grades 4 – 12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success
- For all students, but it targets those in the academic middle
- Implemented school wide and district wide.

What AVID isn’t:

- a remedial program
- a free ride
- a school within a school
- a quick fix
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:

- Assessment Scores (passing scores)
- Grades (passing)
- Citizenship
- Attendance
- Desire and Determination
- First in Family to Attend College
- Historically Underrepresented in 4-year Colleges
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Other Special Circumstances

While all of the criteria are considered for acceptance into AVID, no single criteria will necessarily eliminate a student from consideration. The AVID College Readiness System should reflect the demographics of the school it is serving.

Once selected for AVID, what are the student requirements?

AVID students must:
- attend an AVID elective class
- enroll in one or more advanced academic class (Pre-AP or AP) each semester
- maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes
- maintain the AVID binder with assignment/grade record sheets and daily notes in all classes
- complete all homework assignments and commit to studying every night

What does the AVID Elective Class look like?

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AVID Curriculum includes:
- Writing Curriculum
- College and Careers
- Strategies for Success

AVID Tutorials:
- Collaborative Study Groups
- Writing Groups
- Socratic Seminars