Advancement Via Individual Determination

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What is AVID?

- A structured **college preparatory system** working directly with schools and districts
- A **direct support** structure for first-generation college goers, grades 4-16
- A **schoolwide approach** to curriculum and rigor
What is AVID?

- A non-profit, college readiness system
- A support structure for typically low-income, underserved students
- For elementary through postsecondary grade levels
- A schoolwide approach to rigorous curriculum
- Professional development for educators
Where in the world is AVID?

2011 AVID Around the Globe

Total AVID Sites 4,854

- California: 1,691 sites
- Western: 684 sites
- Central: 1,334 sites
- Eastern: 1,054 sites
- International and DoDEA: 91 sites

*Numbers as of 10/1/11
AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.
Demographics: 2011 AVID seniors

Ethnicity

- American Indian: 1%
- Multi-Racial or Other: 5%
- Asian or Pacific Islander: 7%
- African-American: 17%
- Caucasian: 55%
- Hispanic: 15%

Parent’s Highest Level of Education

- Less Than 8th Grade: 15%
- 8th Grade Graduate: 3%
- High School Graduate: 27%
- Some High School: 15%
- Some College/University: 18%
- 2-Year College/University Degree: 6%
- 4-Year College/University Degree: 11%
- Graduate Degree: 5%

69% qualify for free and reduced-price lunch
The AVID Elective student profile

Has academic potential
- Average to high test scores
- 2.0-3.5 GPA
- College potential with support
- Desire and determination
Meets one or more of the following criteria:

- First to attend college
- Historically underserved in four-year colleges
- Low income
- Special circumstances
The 11 Essentials

1. AVID student selection
2. Voluntary participation
3. AVID elective class offered during the school day
4. Rigorous course of study
5. Strong, relevant writing and reading curriculum
The 11 Essentials

6. Inquiry to promote critical thinking
7. Collaboration as a basis of instruction
8. Trained tutors
9. Data collection and analysis
10. District and school commitment
11. Active, interdisciplinary site team
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Writing

- Writing process (prewrite to final draft)
- Respond, revise
- Edit, final draft
- Cornell notes
- Quickwrites
- Learning logs, journals
Inquiry

- Skilled questioning
- Socratic Seminars
- Quickwrites/discussions
- Critical-thinking activities
- Writing questions
- Open-minded activities
Collaboration

- Group projects
- Response/edit/revision groups
- Collaboration activities
- Tutorials
- Study groups
- Jigsaw activities
- Read-arounds
Organization

Tools
- Binders
- Calendars, planners, agendas
- Graphic organizers

Methods
- Focused note-taking system
- Tutorials, study groups
- Project planning, SMART goals
Reading

- SQ5R (Survey, Question, Read, Record, Recite, Review, Reflect)
- KWL (What I Know; What to Learn; Learned)
- Reciprocal teaching
- “Think-alouds”
- Text structure
- Critical reading
## A sample week in the AVID Elective

### Daily or Block Schedule

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### Curriculum:
- Writing
- College and Careers
- Strategies for Success
- Critical Reading

### Tutorials:
- Collaborative Study Groups
- Writing Groups
- Socratic Seminars
What is academic rigor?

**Rigor** is the goal of helping students develop the capacity to understand content that is complex, ambiguous, provocative, and personally or emotionally challenging.

*Source: Teaching What Matters Most; Standards and Strategies for Raising Student Achievement, by Strong, Silver and Perini, ASCD, 2001.*
Meeting the challenge

- 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
More than 30 years of success

In just over 30 years, AVID has become one of the most successful college-preparatory programs for low-income, underserved students, and today reaches more than 425,000 students in approximately 4,800 schools in 48 states and 16 other countries/territories.

Since 1990, more than 110,000 AVID students have graduated from high school and planned to attend college.
Why does AVID work?

- Places AVID students in rigorous curriculum and gives them the support to achieve
- Provides the explicit “hidden curriculum” of schools
- Provides a team of students for positive peer identification
- Redefines the teacher’s role as that of student advocate
AVID Graduates

- 91.3 percent plan to enroll in a college or university
  - 58.3 percent plan to enroll in a four-year university
  - 33.0 percent to enroll in a two-year college

Source: AVID Center Senior Data Collection System, 2010-2011
Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole percent
The rate of Latinos taking AP exams is over *four times higher* among AVID students than among U.S. students overall.
Completing college-entrance requirements

AVID students complete four-year college entrance requirements at a rate at least *two times higher* than the national rate.

AVID Senior Data Collection 2010-2011, AVID CA n = 15522; AVID TX n = 3923; AVID NC n = 709; AVID IL n = 1307; AVID FL n = 1117

AVID closes the achievement gap

All racial groups complete four-year college entrance requirements at a rate of 84% or higher

Seniors Completing Four-Year College Entrance Requirements

- **AVID U.S.**
- **U.S. Overall**

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*(Filipino and Other not classified in Manhattan Institute study.)*
National data represents the most current comprehensive data available.
Almost 3 out of 4 AVID graduates were accepted to a four-year college.

AVID Senior Data Collection, All Seniors 2010-2011, n = 27,783
Eighth graders taking algebra

The number of AVID 8th graders enrolled in Algebra is almost 50% higher than the national average.

AVID General Data Collection 2010-2011, 8th graders enrolled in AVID, n = 65,835
COMPARATOR: National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES), Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, 2007
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