



Dear Families,

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is the one of the leading college readiness systems and has positively impacted students, teachers, and schools across the nation. AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. The AVID College Readiness System in SMMUSD serves students seventh through twelfth grade and utilizes the AVID program and elective class to empower students with academic skills, individual determination, and social adaptability leading to college graduation. For over 30 years AVID has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective class, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous classes and immerse themselves in a college going culture. In the AVID class, students are taught skills in the area of studying, note-taking, organization, test preparation, time management, and advocacy. The focus in WICOR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and critical reading) strategies and structures assist students in increasing their learning and performance in academic classes. Additionally, collaborative tutorial sessions facilitated by cross age and college students provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Lastly, the AVID class provides access to a college going culture through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities, and college admission requirement information.

AVID recruits average students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future.

If you are interested in having your son or daughter join AVID, please complete the application via Google Forms using the links below. All information on these forms will be used for recruitment and selection of AVID students and will be held confidential.:

- Incoming 7th grade Application
- Incoming 8th Grade Application
- Incoming 9th-12th Grade Application

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