We’re Here to Help You Achieve Your College Goals

Ready to Apply?
Contact AVID Site Coordinators for Applications, Deadlines, and Further Information

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I will be attending Alabama A&M and AVID has helped me by giving me the time I needed to be able to prepare for college. Being in multiple sports is very time consuming, and AVID has really helped me set aside time to make college a priority.

Alexander Jimenez
CSU Northridge

Being highly involved, I don’t think I would have been able to go through the college application process without AVID. I was allowed to ask questions without feeling like “Why I should know this,” why am I “asking.” Instead, teachers responded with open arms and guidelines, and every field of my questions were resolved.

Eden Ellerston
CSU Northridge

AVID has helped me in so many ways. From the day I joined AVID all the way to now, the teachers always listened in the class when I had not been in. They pushed me to do my best and helped me succeed and ultimately helped me get into college. I do not think I would have made it into college without help from AVID.

Dreams of College?
AVID in SMMUSD Can Help You Turn Your Dreams into Reality
What Happens in an AVID Class?

**Skill Development** – Improve your note taking, organization, time management, and test taking. Practice and polish your academic skills in reading writing, public speaking, critical thinking!

**College Preparatory Activities** - Learn about a variety of colleges and universities through guest speakers, field trips, research and collaborative inquiry.

**AVID Curriculum**

The AVID curriculum, which emphasizes Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading, supports each student in their core classes.

The AVID team will be there every step of your journey towards college acceptance and attendance. Regular small group tutoring...

**The AVID Support Structure**

Meet with specially trained college Tutors twice a week to work on concepts from every subject area!

Each teacher is handpicked to deliver instruction that is creative, rigorous and relevant while fostering an atmosphere that is inclusive and supportive.

Learn alongside determined and disciplined peers working towards an academic future beyond high school.

And YOU! The student who believes in the idea of Advancement Via Individual Determination!

**Sample Week in AVID**

**Two days of tutorial**
- Trained tutors provided to assist with core class work
- Collaborative work sessions where students learn to help each other
- Tutor groups formed according to subject area need

**Two days of skill-building**
- Reading critically and writing for all classes
- Note-taking across the curriculum
- Increasing critical thinking and collaboration skills through Socratic Seminars and other group discussion techniques
- Improving organization through consistent binder and homework checks

**One day of motivation and reflection:**
- Organization & Notetaking check in
- Reflective writing, guest speakers, community days, and more!