



AVID Course Syllabus



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Course Description: Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college preparatory program designed to increase the number of students who are eligible for admission to the University of California, California State University and four year private colleges and universities. Students must go through an application process and be approved by the AVID coordinator in order to take the class.

Course Outline and Content Standards: Will be discussed on the first day of class and in depth course outline and content standards are available upon request.

Term 1 and 3

Team Building
Progress Monitoring
Organization Skills
Reading

Essay Writing
Writing Activities
Portfolio Building

High School and College
Readiness Curriculum
College and Career Research

General Expectations:

1. **Class Materials:** Students are expected to have the following materials in class every day:

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| 1. 8 ½ x 11 Spiral notebook | 5. Binder paper |
| 2. Blue or black pen | 6. A section in your binder for AVID work. |
| 3. Pencil | 7. Dividers for your Binder |
| 4. School Binder 2 ½" | |

2. **Binder and Student Planner:** Students are required to carry their school planner and binder everyday to school. They are required to organize their binder according to AVID's best practices and use their student planner.
3. **Assignments:** Most class assignments will be kept in the students school binder under a section labeled for AVID.

Sample AVID Assignments

Daily Learning Logs
Tutorial Questions
Seminar Readings
Calendar Completion

Binder and Cornell Note
Checks
Book Reports
Essay Writing

Other assignments will be given that may require completion at home.

4. **Absences & Make Up Work:** As per school policy, late work will only be taken to make up for excused absences. Students with an excused absence have the number of days they were absent to make up any missed work. It is the student's responsibility to retrieve and complete make-up work before the make-up due date.
5. **Homework:** Students will be required to use homework time to complete their Cornell notes and learning logs from their core classes. AVID homework is designed to support students in their core academic classes.
6. **Communication:** Students will keep parents informed of their assignments given in class and their academic progress by showing parents their student planner, reporting weekly grades, and getting progress reports signed by parents.

- 7. **AVID Help:** Students may come in for extra help any day after school.
- 8. **Behavior:** Students are expected to be their best in class, do their best in class, and expect the best! (See Helpful Hints for more information.) AVID students are naturally held at a higher standard of behavior.

Grading Scale and Policy: Assignments will be given a point value based on the following scale:

Organization	30%	Grading Scale
Homework	25%	100-90% =A
Class work/Tutorials	30%	89-80% = B
Preparation & Participation	15%	79-70% =C
(having class materials listed above		69-60% =D
Including and organized binder, being on		59-0% = F
time and ready and willing to work daily)		

Citizenship:

Citizenship will be evaluated based on consistently bringing required materials, being in their assigned seat on time, maintaining an organized notebook and binder, and working at student's potential.

Films:

Films will be used to supplement and enhance the student's learning. All supplemental films used are in accordance with the EGUSD's media policy. If new videos become available to view, I will send a note home prior to viewing. If you do not wish your child to see the videos, please send him/her with a note, and I will give him/her a separate assignment to complete.

Motivational Movies for AVID			
Rudy	The Rookie	Willow	Searching for
Lion King	Miracles	Hoosiers	Bobby Fischer
Sand Lot	Holes	Running Brave	

Parental Support:

Parental support is key for the success of our AVID students. We encourage parents to have a discussion every night about what their student accomplished at school for the day. We also *expect* parents to check the student's planner for homework and class assignments. *AVID parents are strongly encouraged* to attend Back to School Night.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN

Contacting the Teacher:

I can be reached at school at (916) 668-0080 ext. 4104 or through email at asanchez@egusd.net. Please do not hesitate to call me with any comments or concerns. I am looking forward to a great year!

I have read the syllabus for AVID, and I agree to participate fully and be an active learner in class. I understand that the teacher will treat me with respect, and I in turn will respect the right of the teacher to teach. I understand that this will be kept in the student's binder for the remainder of the year.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Students Name (please print)