AVID Elective
AVID’s mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.
What is the AVID Elective?

In the AVID Elective, students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivation activities that make them college-ready.
Why College Readiness?

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2015

- **Median usual weekly earnings**
  - Doctoral degree: $1,623
  - Professional degree: $1,730
  - Master's degree: $1,341
  - Bachelor's degree: $1,137
  - Associate's degree: $798
  - Some college, no degree: $738
  - High school diploma: $678
  - Less than a high school diploma: $493

- **Unemployment rate**
  - Doctoral degree: 1.7%
  - Professional degree: 1.5%
  - Master's degree: 2.4%
  - Bachelor's degree: 2.8%
  - Associate's degree: 3.8%
  - Some college, no degree: 5.0%
  - High school diploma: 5.4%
  - Less than a high school diploma: 8.0%

AVID impacts more than 800,000 students in 44 states and 16 other countries/U.S. territories.

- **Total K-12 AVID Sites**: 5,007
- **Total AVID for Higher Education Sites**: 43

- **California**: 1,453 sites
- **Western**: 872 sites
- **Central**: 1,470 sites
- **Eastern**: 1,119 sites
- **International and DoDEA**: 93 sites

Current as of 10/03/2014
It's more valuable to me than
My education
My life will be defined by
Those who doubt me
I know there are some out there
Looking up to me
I'll let those AP and Honors students be
The AVID Student Profile

- Students with academic potential
- 2.0–3.5 GPA
- College potential with support
- Desire and determination to go to college
- Typically first in their family to attend college

The AVID student is one who can achieve in rigorous curriculum with support from the AVID Elective class.
AVID = Student Success

The AVID Elective...

• Teaches study and organizational skills
• Teaches academic and social skills not targeted in other classes
• Provides intensive support with in-class tutors and a strong student-teacher relationship
• Teaches students to work collaboratively to be successful in the most rigorous courses
• Provides college and university exposure
• Assists students with the application process for colleges and universities
• Helps students explore careers through guest speakers
• Develops a sense of hope and personal achievement gained through hard work and determination
Parts of AVID

**WRITING**
- Cornell Notes/Learning Logs
- Quickwrites and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing

**READING**
- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching

**INQUIRY**
- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa’s Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions that Guide Research

**ORGANIZATION**
- Binders and organizational tools
- Calendars, planners, and agendas
- Graphic organizers
- A focused note-taking system
- Tutorials and study groups
- Project planning and SMART goals

**COLLABORATION**
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning
Overall Goals of AVID

- Bridging gaps through teaching skills
- ALL AVID students will have a post high school plan, (University, Community College, Trade School, Military)
- We push our students to work hard, and not settle for anything but their 100% effort on any given day.
  - Those who are motivated are the most successful.
- Expectations
  - If you’re not working hard and taking advantage of opportunities, AVID may not be for you.
- Scholarship Competitions.
How does AVID support students?

Teaches study, goal-setting, time-management, and organizational skills to be successful in rigorous courses

Strengthens reading, writing, and critical thinking skills

Gives tutorial support through college tutors

Teaches the students to work collaboratively to be successful

Field Trips to College campuses

Assists students with the application process for colleges and universities

Helps students explore careers through guest speakers

Assists students with obtaining scholarships
Junior and Senior Specifics

**Testing** (PSAT, ACT, SAT)

**FAFSA Nights**

Parent University *(10/3)*

**Tri University** *(9/19)*

**Stoles** *(only completers receive a graduation stole. A student must complete 3 years of AVID- including their senior year to be considered a completer)*
# DHS Senior Scholarship Data

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<th>Class of 2017</th>
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<td>50 Seniors enrolled in AVID.</td>
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<td>35 in AVID for 4 or more years</td>
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<td>25 earned a total of $1,349,407 in scholarships and grants</td>
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