



What is AVID?

AVID is the acronym for **Advancement Via Individual Determination**. It is a college preparatory course whose mission is “to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.”

What we do in AVID

- Keep **ONE, organized, binder** for **ALL** our classes.
- Learn college readiness **skills and strategies** that help us now and throughout college.
- Engage in lessons of **Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading (WICOR)**.
- Challenge and defend our thinking through **Socratic Seminars, Philosophical Chairs, Four Corner Debates & Jigsaws**.
- Take **Cornell Notes** each week in our core classes.
- Participate in **tutorial sessions** led by college students once each week.
- We have **guest speakers, learning trips, college visits, and team building activities**.
- Create a **family of achievers!**

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AVID is more than a class. It's like my family! We work together to reach our goals!

The AVID binder helps me stay organized and on top of my work—especially homework!

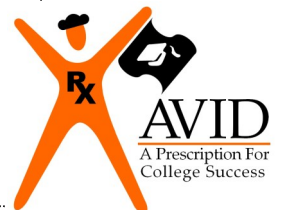
What AVID students say about AVID

After visiting Rice University with my AVID family, I can see myself going to school here!

AVID tutorials are different than tutorials with my teacher. We ask each other questions that lead to the answer.

What teachers say about AVID:

- WICOR supports the IB Middle Years Program nicely.
- I LOVE seeing my AVID students **taking notes in class!**
- AVID has **high standards** for students. They have to have **grades higher than an 80** in order to be passing to attend **fieldtrips**.





Student Name: _____
Student ID #: _____
Elementary School: _____
Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Contact Number: _____

I understand that my child will be signed up for IB Honors Math for 6th grade to be on track for Algebra in 8th grade. Support and tutors are provided within the AVID program.

Must be signed by parent to be valid!!



To be filled out by parent(s):

Highest Education Level of Parent 1 or Guardian (Check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-high school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain)	Highest Education Level of Parent 2 or Guardian (Check only one) <input type="checkbox"/> Non-high school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate degree <input type="checkbox"/> Unsure <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please explain)
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To be filled out by student:

Please rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 on the following statements. Your answers are just for AVID and will not be shared with anyone beyond this process.

	Not me at all!		Somewhat like me		Yep! That's me!
I want to be organized.	1	2	3	4	5
I turn my work in on time.	1	2	3	4	5
I want to go to college.	1	2	3	4	5
I am willing to work hard.	1	2	3	4	5
Getting A's is important to me.	1	2	3	4	5

There are only a few spaces in the AVID class. With that in mind, please give three reasons why we should select you instead of someone else. What makes you amazing?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Please return this application to the COUNSELOR