

AVID: Proven Achievement, Lifelong Advantage

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

AVID provides a foundational systemic approach to individualized student success beginning with AVID elementary instilling schoolwide strategies, tools and skills then transforming to add an elective class in secondary education for those electing or needing more support. Opportunities and education for college readiness activities, events, and knowledge for exploration of personal dreams are frequently provided through a multitude of resources and platforms. As learners complete their public education journey AVID continues with scaffolded support through higher education colleges and universities. Within our community both Odessa College and the University of Texas in the Permian Basin are AVID institutions.

The AVID contract covers curriculum, resources, professional learning, district support, and access to networks of learning opportunities.

Below are further descriptions of each step:

AVID Elementary: By teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age, AVID Elementary teachers create a ripple effect in later grades. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer and ask high-level questions that go beyond routine answers.

AVID Secondary: Our nation's schools are full of students who possess a desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard, but many of them do not truly have the opportunity to be college-ready. These are often the students who will be the first in their families to attend college and are from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. AVID Secondary equips teachers and schools with what they need to help these students succeed on a path to college and career success.

To address this need, AVID has developed the AVID Elective course. For one period a day, students receive the additional academic, social, and emotional support that will help them succeed in their school's most rigorous courses.

AVID for Higher Education: AVID for Higher Education (AHE) works with two-year and four-year colleges and universities to implement a holistic approach to accelerating student success.