

# Memo



**To:** Dr. Karla Guseman  
**From:** Dianne McDonald  
**Date:** January 29, 2025  
**Re:** Course Addition – AVID Elective 12

I respectfully recommend the addition of AVID Elective 12 for the 2026-2027 school year. This 1 credit course would be offered as a year-long unweighted elective to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This course is a continuation of our offerings of the AVID elective.

The rationale for the course addition is aligned to Strategy 1.4: *Establish the instructional and academic identity of the school district to increase the focus on holistic student development and preparation for post-secondary success in a variety of career pathways.*

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a research-based program that prepares students for four-year college eligibility. The 12th grade AVID Elective course is the capstone junior/senior seminar course that focuses on writing and critical thinking expected of first- and second-year college students. In addition to the academic focus of the AVID seminar, there are college-bound activities, methodologies, and tasks that should be undertaken during the senior year to support students when they apply to four-year universities and confirm their postsecondary plans.

This course addition was discussed and approved by the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

Thank you and please let me know if you have further questions.