



BHS AVID currently has over ninety students and will graduate eight AVID seniors this year. The senior class started small as sophomores (only eleven students) and will be our first group of AVID seniors. For the 2018-2019 school year over eighty 8th graders were interviewed for incoming freshman AVID. AVID this year visited Howard Payne University, Southern Methodist University and Texas Tech University.

All AVID seniors were accepted into at least one college – with a total of fourteen college acceptances. The average GPA for our first graduating class is a 3.025. All students in the program are required to take at least one rigorous course a year (AP, PAP or Dual Enrollment/Credit).

AVID is about building a culture of success. Being in AVID is voluntary and students sign the AVID Student Agreement indicating their one-year commitment to the program. Students are highly encouraged to continue in AVID as they progress throughout high school. Research shows that students experience the best results after being in the AVID program for at least three years.

As Texas moves to the A-F rating system for accountability there have been many questions about how the rating system may impact school programs such as AVID. One specific area that has caused concern is Postsecondary Readiness. Students should easily meet indicators for this area in a variety of ways. For example, an indicator for AVID Certification includes enrollment in advanced coursework; the AVID senior class will graduate with a combined 36 college hours.

Another indicator for AVID Certification includes students meeting the Benchmark requirements for TSI, SAT and ACT. These tests are also used for the state to determine “College Readiness”. Currently all Juniors and seniors in the program have taken the SAT at least once and have also taken the TSI; additionally, most freshman and sophomore AVID students have taken the TSI and plan to retake the portions that they have not passed next school year. Freshman AVID students took PSAT 8/9 this year, while sophomore/junior students took the PSAT. The goal is for all AVID students to have completed and passed the TSI by the time they graduate from high school.