

# Memo



**To:** Dr. Karla Guseman  
**From:** Dianne McDonald  
**Date:** January 4, 2024  
**Re:** Course Addition – AVID Elective 10

I respectfully recommend the course addition of AVID Elective 10 for the 2024-2025 school year. This 1 credit course would be offered as a year-long unweighted elective to 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

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. During the 10th grade AVID Elective course, students will refine the AVID strategies to meet their independent needs and learning styles. Students will continue to refine and adjust their academic learning plans and goals, increasing awareness of their actions and behaviors. As students increase their rigorous course load and school/community involvement, they will refine their time-management and study skills accordingly. Students will expand their writing portfolio to include analyzing prompts, supporting arguments and claims, character analysis, and detailed reflections. Students will also analyze various documents in order to participate in collaborative discussions and develop leadership skills in those settings. Students will expand their vocabulary use, continuing to prepare for college entrance exams. Text analysis will focus on specific strategies to understand complex texts. Lastly, students will narrow down their colleges and careers of interest based on their personal interests and goals.

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

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