



## Advancement Via Individual Determination at Verrado High School

*"The best way to predict your future is to create it."*

~Abraham Lincoln

For more information and to apply for the program visit: [www.tinyurl.com/VHSAVID](http://www.tinyurl.com/VHSAVID)

### What is AVID?

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a systemic instructional system. The AVID College Readiness System is a schoolwide transformational effort focused on leadership, systems, instruction and culture, and is designed to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education and in their lives beyond high school. AVID-trained educators teach students academic and social skills to help them develop the habits and behaviors needed to succeed in rigorous curriculum.

### AVID is...

- Research-based, with proven results of student achievement
- A direct support structure for college-going students
- A catalyst for systemic reform and change

### AVID...

- Develops students as readers and writers
- Teaches specific strategies for critical thinking and higher-level inquiry
- Provides support, so students can meet high expectations



### Why AVID is so Unique

Independent research, together with AVID's own data, validate that the AVID college-readiness system works.

Consider:

- AVID students are more likely to take AP classes, complete their college eligibility requirements, and get into four-year colleges than students who don't take AVID.
- Almost all AVID students who participate for at least three years are accepted to college with roughly three quarters getting into four-year universities.
- AVID also helps ensure students, once accepted to college, possess the high-level skills they need for college success.

### AVID's Impact...

AVID has a proven track record in bringing out the best in students and preparing them for four-year college eligibility. In fact, of the 40K+ students in AVID, 88% applied to a four year college and 78% were actually accepted into a 4 year college. In the first year after high school, 71% enrolled in a 2 or 4 year college. The percentage of AVID students who attend four-year universities far exceeds the national average of 35%.

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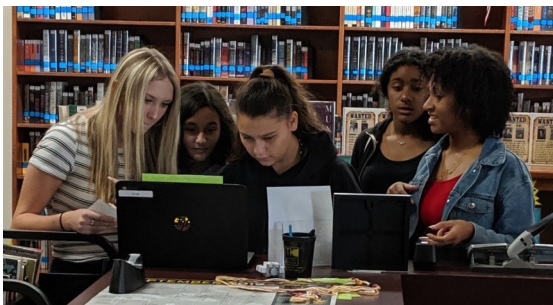
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## AVID Activities

### WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Two days of tutorial:

- Trained tutors provided at a ratio of 1:7 to assist with core class work
- Collaborative work sessions where students learn to help each other
- Tutor groups formed according to subject area need

Two days of skill-building:

- Reading critically and writing for all classes
- Note-taking across the curriculum
- Increasing critical thinking and collaboration skills through Socratic Seminars and other group discussion techniques
- Improving organization through consistent binder and homework checks

One day of motivation and reflection:

- Interacting with guest speakers
- Reflective writing
- Team-building activities
- Service learning opportunities

### FIELD TRIPS

As time and resources allow throughout the year:

- Visiting college campuses and professional work places
- Visiting places of culture and enrichment
- Work place / job site visits

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\*\* Due to COVID restrictions, modifications to this schedule have been made to

## AVID Mission Statement

AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society. AVID is a PK through twelfth grade program to prepare students who are in typically in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility. It has a proven track record in bringing out the best in students.

Through the AVID program, students are placed into academically rigorous courses while given support in the AVID Elective class. The AVID trained content teachers also incorporate strategies in the content area classes which have been proven to increase students' success.

### What AVID is not...

AVID is not an "at-risk" program

AVID is not an enrichment program

AVID is not a study hall

AVID is not an "free ride" into the honors program

AVID is not a college outreach program



## The AVID Student

- ♦ Possess the desire and potential to succeed in rigorous courses
- ♦ Committed to working hard in order to attain goals
- ♦ Exhibit a positive attitude toward themselves and others
- ♦ Open to new experiences in all phases of AVID
- ♦ Want to become independent learners
- ♦ Act as model students in the classroom, taking notes, listening, questioning, and being prepared

## Interested? Want More Information?

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Online Application  
Course Descriptions  
Videos and Photos  
And so much more!