

What is AVID?

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an internationally recognized program designed to prepare students for success in colleges and universities. Established more than 35 years ago with one teacher in one classroom, AVID today impacts more than **1.2 million students in 44 states and 16 other countries/territories**.

The AVID curriculum is driven by the WICOR method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading.

Students in AVID:

- ★ have average to high standardized test scores
- ★ have the potential and the desire to go to college
- ★ are serious about succeeding in school
- ★ possess individual determination and a sense of responsibility
- ★ have good attendance
- ★ have a good behavior record

Why was my child suggested for AVID?

The AVID Elective is first and foremost a college readiness course. Your child was nominated or selected because he/she is showing potential to not only enroll and succeed in rigorous courses, but to be on track to attend ANY college. AVID is not a remedial course. Students in the AVID Elective enroll in rigorous courses and receive the support needed to succeed in those courses. Your child has been identified as someone who has potential and could benefit from the skills that will be taught in the AVID Elective class.

What will I do in an AVID class?

Skill Development: You will practice skills such as note-taking, organization, time management, and test-taking.

College Preparatory Activities: You will learn about a variety of colleges and universities through guest speakers, field trips, and research. You will also learn about the requirements for getting into specific colleges and universities.

Personal Mentoring: Your AVID teacher will monitor your progress and help you set future goals at individual conferences. Your AVID teacher will also communicate with your other teachers and act as an advocate on your behalf.

Collaborative Study: Twice weekly, you will work in groups with college tutors to go over difficult material and study for tests.

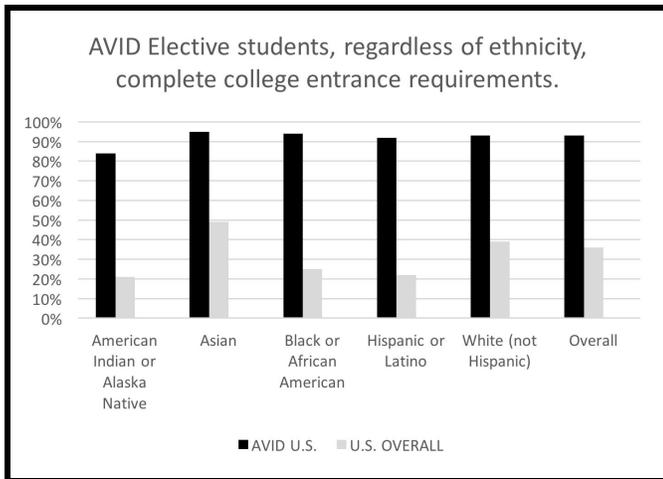
Career Building: You will explore career options through research to determine what education level is required for specific careers. Guest speakers will share their professional experiences and careers with the class.

Classroom Community: You will participate in many community building activities with your classmates, where hopefully, you will build strong relationships and learn to trust each other. You will have the opportunity to improve your interpersonal, communication and leadership skills.



Advancement Via Individual Determination

*AVID is not just another program...
at its heart,
AVID is a philosophy
that hold students accountable to
rise to the challenge of the
highest academic standards,
provides academic and social
support, focuses on leadership and
good citizenship.*



MISD AVID benefits:

- ★ Trained AVID tutors in the classroom twice a week from middle to high school
- ★ High School Communication credit is earned simultaneously while in the AVID elective
- ★ Optional online HS graduation requirements available at a discount (**\$50 per class instead of \$250**)
- ★ College field trips every year