

## What is AVID?

AVID is a college preparatory course for 6th, 7th and 8th graders whose mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in global society. AVID stands for **A**dvancement **V**ia **I**ndividual **D**etermination. The AVID program specializes in helping Hosford students who are determined to maximize their own potential.



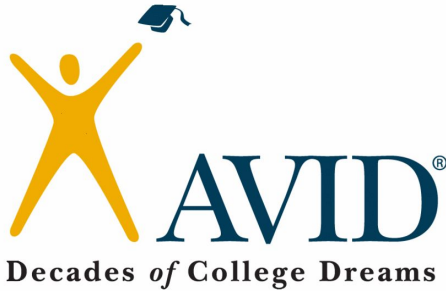
## What do we do in AVID?

- Keep one organized binder for all of our classes.
- Learn college readiness skills and strategies that help us now and throughout college.
- Engage in lessons of **W**riting, **I**nquiry, **C**ollaboration, **O**rganization, and **R**eadng (WICOR).
- Challenge and defend our thinking through Socratic Seminars, Philosophical Chairs, Four Corner Debates and Jigsaws.
- Take Cornell Notes each week in our core classes.
- Participate in tutorial sessions led by college students once each week.
- Hear guest speakers, go on learning trips and college visits, and participate in team building activities.
- Create a family of achievers!

## Are you an AVID student?

AVID is the right choice for students who have both the potential and desire to attend a 4-year college or university and demonstrates the following:

- Appropriate classroom behavior
- A good attendance record
- Steady work habits
- Consistently tries to do their best work
- Has a desire to take advanced courses or are currently taking advanced courses



- Wants the opportunity to be a first-generation college student

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my child will be taking AVID in place of an alternative year-long elective:

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*Must be signed by parent to be valid. —————→*

To be filled out by **Parents/Guardians**:

<p>Highest Education Level Parent or Guardian 1 (Check only one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-high school graduate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some college</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate degree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate degree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)</li> </ul>	<p>Highest Education Level Parent or Guardian 2 (Check only one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-high school graduate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> High school graduate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Some college</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate degree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Post-graduate degree</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unsure</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)</li> </ul>
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To be filled out by **Students**:

Rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 5 on the following statements. (Your answers are just for AVID and will not be shared with anyone outside of this process.)

	Not me at all		Somewhat like me.		Yep! That's me!
I want to be organized.	1	2	3	4	5
I turn my work in on time.	1	2	3	4	5
I want to go to college.	1	2	3	4	5
I am willing to work hard.	1	2	3	4	5
Doing my best work is important to me.	1	2	3	4	5

**There are only a few spaces in the AVID class. With that in mind, please give three reasons why we should select you. What makes you amazing?**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Note: Any student who turns in this paper will have a brief interview with middle school AVID staff at a later date.**