

AVID 10: Syllabus

AVID Tutorials and AVID Tutors

Tutorials and tutors play an important role in the AVID class, while also benefiting other content-area classes. As a key component to the collaboration portion of the AVID System, tutorials are a time and place where students come with complex **questions** from any content class and get guiding support to **confront** tough problems and **solve** them within their own means.

Using their knowledge and experience, AVID-trained tutors are able to conduct **collaborative** tutorials that lead to increased student **participation** and **success**. Tutors create an environment where students feel comfortable asking the questions that they might be embarrassed to ask in their content-area classrooms. Questions may not be solved and that is okay! We learn through **collaboration** and **questioning**. The **process** is more important than the **outcome**.

Tutors are essential to the success of AVID, acting as a resource and role model for AVID students both academically and socially. AVID alumni who continue their education in college often return to AVID at local schools or their alma mater as tutors to continue their involvement with the AVID family.

Community Service

AVID students in the ninth grade are asked to commit to 10 hours of community service; this means 5 per semester. We partner with the non-profit Passion Impact to provide monthly volunteer opportunities. Our first volunteer event will be held on Saturday, September 28th at Mt. Tabor

Grading:

40% Tutorial

25% Classwork

15% Cornell Notes

10% Civic Engagement (clubs/volunteering)

10% Binder Check

100%

Required assignments:

Civic Engagement - 10 hours: clubs and/or volunteering; written reflection

Cornell notes - 5 pages per week. Please date your notes. Undated notes will not be accepted.

Binder check - every other week during AVID tutorial; if you miss it you will earn a 1. Please check in with me the next tutorial or (before/after) class to get yours checked off. You have 1 week to turn it in.

Planners will be checked randomly. They need to have assignments written in them.

Weekly Tutorial - expect to bring a TRF every Tues/Fri to AVID. No excuses. Must be an actual question from your homework, classwork, test/quiz, notes. Fake questions are things that you already know the answer to, or are questions without a Point of Confusion.

For example: HOW DO I STUDY BETTER..., HOW TO DO LEARN...,

Classwork - Daily assignments

Grading:

40% Tutorial

25% Classwork

10% Civic Engagement

10% Cornell Notes

10% Binder Check

5% Vocabulary

100%

Required assignments:

CLUB attendance-

Job shadow -

Volunteering Project - June

Portfolio - June

- TRF
- Cornell Notes example
- Volunteering reflection & hours
- Club reflections
- Resume
- Job shadow reflection
- TBD

General Course Policies:

Cell phones: As per Franklin High School's cell phone policy, **all electronic devices need to be off and away during class**, unless otherwise stated by the teacher. Any phone out during class can and will be sent to the main office for the remainder of the day. No exceptions.

Absences/make-up work: If a student misses class they must check in the next day to get the work. The due date will be extended as needed.

Grades: If a student's grade is below proficiency (2.5), they will be expected to attend office hours. The expectation is that the student is coming to tutorial weekly to raise their grade by turning in missing work, revising their essays, retaking a test, or to simply study. There will be no extra credit opportunities to simply raise their grade to passing. I do not give D's because four-year colleges do not accept D's as passing grades in core content classes (English, Math, Science, etc), and since AVID students are college bound, we are following that model.

GRADING SCALE:

A 3.5 - 4.0 B 3.0 - 3.4 C 2.5 - 2.9 F 2.4 and below

REQUIRED MATERIALS/SUPPLIES for AVID:

You will need the following supplies:

- School ID
- 3-Ring binder with 8 divider tabs
- 1 Spiral notebook with at least 100 pages (must be able to fit 8 ½ by 11 inch paper)
- Pencils and pens
- Glue Stick(s)
- Loose-leaf paper
- Post-its and highlighters for marking text
- Ruler
- Pencil pouch

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The best way to reach me is by email. This will get you the quickest response.