



What is AVID?

AVID, *Advancement Via Individual Determination*, is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that is designed to increase schoolwide learning and performance. The AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional learning, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change. AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success, provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships, creates a positive peer group for students, develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. As a result, policymakers and educators now consider AVID's mission to be an essential strategy for closing the achievement gap, making college access and success available to all students.

What is AVID Elementary?

AVID Elementary is a foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) designed to be embedded into the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms, across entire grade levels, to impact schoolwide structures. AVID Strategies and philosophy of educational opportunities for all is threaded throughout the entire school day and across entire grade levels. AVID Elementary Essentials focus on the four necessary areas to ensure that all students are poised for academic success: Instruction, Culture, Leadership, and Systems.

Essential One: Instruction

Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading to Learn (WICOR) as well as Learning to WICOR (L-WICOR) are the foundation for instruction in the AVID Elementary classroom.

Essential Two: Culture

AVID Elementary sites incorporate rigorous, relevant, differentiated opportunities for all students in an environment that promotes college readiness.

Essential Three: Leadership

AVID Elementary Leaders support, guide and facilitate AVID Elementary implementation for all students.

Essential Four: Systems

AVID Elementary sites align their systems through the use of the 4 Pillars of Excellence (accountability, articulation, assessment, calibration) to ensure the fidelity of AVID Elementary implementation across the site.

What AVID Does

Simply, AVID trains educators to use proven practices in order to prepare students for success in high school, college, and a career, especially students traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

How AVID Works

AVID brings research-based strategies and curriculum to educational institutions in elementary, secondary, and higher education. The AVID System annually provides 60,000+ educators with training and methodologies that develop students' critical thinking, literacy, and math skills across all content areas throughout the entire campus, in what we call Schoolwide AVID.