



AVID at a Glance

What AVID is...

- *AVID* is an acronym that stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination.
- *AVID* is an in-school academic support program for grades 5-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- *AVID* places academically average students in advanced classes.
- *AVID* levels the playing field for students without a college-going tradition in their families.
- *AVID* works for all students, but it targets those in the academic middle.
- *AVID* is implemented schoolwide and districtwide.

What AVID isn't...

- *AVID* isn't a remedial program.
- *AVID* isn't a free ride.
- *AVID* isn't a niche program.
- *AVID* isn't a college outreach program.

5 Reasons to Support AVID

It's the data. AVID stands out in a sea of experimental, unproven programs. It has volumes of data validating exactly how and why it works.

It's the standards. AVID not only makes the college dream accessible to traditionally underserved students, but it also helps schools meet state accountability measures.

It's the American Dream. College may not be for every student, but every student should have the opportunity to attend a four-year college.

It's the right thing to do. Who can argue with creating greater equity for thousands of students who until now have not had access to academically challenging classes?

It's the economy. We need an educated workforce and can't afford to leave anyone behind. Business supports AVID because it ensures that more students are trained to think critically, overcome obstacles and work in teams.

Another reason to support AVID: “AVID has been instrumental in the strategic implementation of CPS Postsecondary goals, inspiring a student led college-going culture in neighborhood schools...” –Greg Darnieder, Director, Postsecondary Education, Office of High School Programs