

## AVID IN ACTION

AVID homepage: [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org)

- Contains greater details on the AVID philosophy, elective, and research supporting the effectiveness of AVID.

The following area high schools maintain a fully developed and highly successful AVID program:

Fairfax County	Loudoun County
<b>Annandale</b> <b>Edison</b> <b>Fairfax</b> <b>Falls Church</b> <b>Hayfield</b> <b>Lake Braddock</b> <b>Marshall</b> <b>Mt. Vernon</b> <b>Stuart</b> <b>West Potomac</b>	Loudoun County Park View Tuscarora

## APPLY FOR AVID

1. Visit the PVHS website at: [www.lcps.org/pvhs](http://www.lcps.org/pvhs)
2. Find ACADEMICS, then click on AVID
3. On the AVID website, click on ONLINE AVID APPLICATION

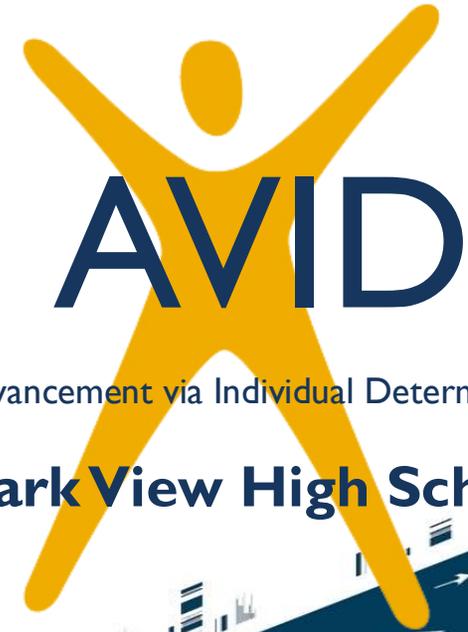
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Advancement via Individual Determination

**Park View High School**



**AVID is...**

Giving me the confidence to prove to myself that I can do it and follow my dreams.

-Sandra Martinez

# AVID: THE DETAILS

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### BACKGROUND

AVID, or Advancement via Individual Determination, began in 1980 in San Diego, California as an academic program to help student succeed in advanced academic programs. In the nearly two decades since it's inception, AVID has spread to 45 states, serving 300,000 students in the United States. Today, AVID is more than a program - it's a philosophy: Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge.

### AVID'S MISSION

AVID is designed to increase schoolwide learning and performance. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, especially those traditionally underserved by colleges and universities, will:

- succeed when exposed to rigorous curriculum.
- engage meaningfully in academic and extracurricular activities throughout the school.
- increase their enrollment in colleges.
- become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

#### AVID is...

A challenge to be better.

-Jackie Lopez

### WHAT IS AVID?

- AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 9-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- AVID places academically average students in advanced classes.
- AVID benefits all students, but especially aims to identify and assist students without a college-going tradition in their families.

### WHO ARE THE IDEAL AVID STUDENTS?

- Students in the academic middle—B, C, and even D students.
- Students who have the desire to go to college and willingness to work hard.
- Students capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential.
- Typically, they will be the first in their family to attend college.

#### AVID is...

Very helpful! It helps me succeed in life!

-Jaylan Hines

### WHAT SUPPORT DOES THE SCHOOL OFFER TO HELP AVID STUDENTS?

Not only are students enrolled in their school's toughest classes, such as honors and Advanced Placement, but also in the AVID elective. For one period, students:

- Learn organizational and study skills.
- Work on critical thinking and asking probing questions.
- Get academic help from peers and college tutors.
- Participate in enrichment and motivational activities.

### WHAT IS THE AVID CURRICULUM?

The AVID curriculum transforms students into active classroom contributors and critical thinkers by developing the following skills:

- **Writing** to learn: Clarifying and communicating thoughts through written expression.
- **Inquiry:** Actively questioning, clarifying, and analyzing material.
- **Collaboration:** Students, not teachers, are responsible for their learning. Teachers are facilitators, while students challenge, help, and question each other.
- **Reading:** Through active reading strategies, students comprehend, question, critique, clarify, and analyze written material.

#### AVID is...

Helping me organize my day and my work. I didn't understand how important that was!

-Peta McKenzie

### WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE AVID PARENT?

AVID parents:

- Encourage their students to achieve academically.
- Maintain regular communication with the AVID coordinator and AVID teachers.
- Stay informed in AVID events through newsletters and by attending parent meetings.
- Actively participate in planning programs and celebrations of student success.

### WHAT DOES RESEARCH INDICATE ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AVID?

Research indicates that:

- 92% of AVID students graduate high school with an advanced studies diploma
- 98% of AVID students plan to attend a post-secondary educational institution.
- 88% of AVID students graduate from a post-secondary educational institution.