

What is AVID?

AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination is a voluntary college-preparatory program designed to ensure that ALL students, and most especially those in the middle will:

- Improve their reading, writing, organization, inquiry, goal-setting, and study skills
- Succeed in a rigorous college preparatory curriculum
- Increase their enrollment in four-year colleges
- Exit the program with the skills necessary to be successful at the high school/post-secondary level.

The AVID Student

AVID is offered during the school day. AVID targets students in the academic middle – A, B and C students – who have the desire to go to college, the willingness to work hard, and potentially enroll in advanced courses.

The AVID Elective

For one period a day, in a class led by a teacher trained in AVID methodologies, they learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers, tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that assist in college readiness. Their self-images improve, and they become academically successful leaders and role models for other students.

The AVID Curriculum

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is driven by the WICR method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading. AVID curriculum is used in AVID

elective classes.

Results

State-funded, independent research, together with AVID’s own data, validate that the AVID college-readiness system works. Consider: AVID students are more likely to take AP classes, complete their college eligibility requirements, and get into four-year colleges than students who don’t take AVID. AVID also helps ensure students, once accepted to college, possess the higher-level skills they need for college success.

Where is AVID?

AVID has been adopted by over 3,500 schools representing 45 states, and is also available in Canada and through the Department of Defense Dependents Schools. This year AVID will reach more than 250,000 students. The 2017-2018 school year will be the sixth year that the AVID elective is offered at Wredling Middle School for 8th grade and the fifth year for 7th grade. AVID is also available at St. Charles East High School and Wredling Middle School.

Interested in AVID?

Students interested in the AVID program should complete an application form, available in the Student Services Office and Main Office. There will be an interview and selection process through which students will be chosen for the AVID program. The AVID elective is available to 7th and 8th grade students at Wredling Middle school.

Please submit the completed application to:

Student Services
Wredling Middle School
1200 Dunham Rd.
St Charles, IL 60174