



## Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level II

PEIMS Code: N1290002  
Abbreviation: AVID2  
Grade Level(s): 10–12  
Award of Credit: 1.0

### Approved Innovative Course

- Districts must have local board approval to implement innovative courses.
- In accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §74.27, school districts must provide instruction in all essential knowledge and skills identified in this innovative course.
- Innovative courses may only satisfy elective credit toward graduation requirements.
- Please refer to [TAC §74.13](#) for guidance on endorsements.

### Course Description:

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a series of courses that prepare students for college readiness and success. Students receive instruction using a rigorous college preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities and academic success skills. In AVID, students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth. Additionally, students engage in activities around college and career opportunities and explore their own student agency, giving students voice and often choice in how they learn.

AVID II students refine the AVID strategies to meet their independent needs and learning styles. Students continue to refine and adjust their academic learning plans and goals, increasing awareness of their actions and behaviors. As students increase the rigorous course load and school and community involvement, they refine their time management and study skills accordingly. Students expand their writing portfolio to include analyzing prompts, supporting arguments and claims, character analysis, and detailed reflections. Students also analyze various documents in order to participate in collaborative discussions and develop leadership skills in those settings. Students expand their vocabulary use, continuing to prepare for college entrance exams and preparation. Text analysis focuses on specific strategies to understand complex texts. Lastly, students narrow down their college and careers of interest based on personal interests and goals.

### Teacher qualifications:

Educators must have a valid State Board of Educator Certification teaching certificate appropriate to grade level of assignment.

**Additional information:**

Interested districts should contact Barbara Copeland at [bcopeland@avid.org](mailto:bcopeland@avid.org) or (972) 591-2525.

AVID elective teachers participate in extensive content area professional learning during AVID Summer Institute and Path trainings. The content of these sessions targets the instructional skill development specifically aligned with success in rigorous courses in the foundation content areas. We therefore request completion of the Implementation strand at the AVID Summer Institute or Path (2-3 days of intense professional learning), as well as the expressed desire to be an AVID teacher.

Schools use the professional training at AVID Summer Institute (SI) as a strong resource for guiding implementation of the course. The AVID Summer Institute includes online learning and face-to-face learning. Before the SI, participants have pre-work (launches) to complete. Costs for SI started at \$850 in 2020.

Additionally, thousands of Texas educators attended content-specific AVID Path trainings, learning to incorporate effective instructional strategies into their TEKS-aligned content curriculum. Path trainings starts at \$450.

AVID Center provides a plethora of online resources for AVID schools and educators. The lesson plans for each day of the AVID class are the Weeks at a Glance (WAG) that AVID class teachers use as the basis for their curriculum and instruction. The WAG are what AVID teachers use to make sure they are covering the AVID Standards (seen as the Essential Knowledge and Skills in this document). We have online learning in the form of On Demand Modules and virtual trainings to enhance the professional learning of all educators at AVID sites. We also have an extensive file sharing area online so that AVID educators can have access to resources that they need for College Readiness schoolwide.