



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

PEIMS Code: N1290033

Abbreviation: AVID4

Grade Level(s): 11–12

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 IV focuses on writing and critical thinking expected of first- and second-year college students. Students complete a final research essay project from research conducted in AVID III. In addition to the academic focus of the AVID IV, there are college-bound activities, methodologies, and tasks that should be achieved during the fourth year that support students as they apply to four-year universities and confirm their postsecondary plans. All AVID IV students are required to develop and present a portfolio representing their years of work in the AVID program.

### 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

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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.