



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), Level I

PEIMS Code: N1290001
Abbreviation: AVID1
Grade Level(s): 9–12
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 I serves as a review of the AVID philosophy and strategies. Students work on academic and personal goals, communication, and adjusting to the high school setting. Students increase their awareness of their personal contributions to their learning, as well as their involvement in their school and community. There is an emphasis on analytical writing, focusing on personal goals and thesis writing. Students work in collaborative settings, learning how to participate in collegial discussions and use sources to support their ideas and opinions. Students prepare for and participate in college entrance and placement exams while refining study skills and test-taking, note-taking, and research techniques. Students take an active role in field trips and guest-speaker preparations and presentations. College research includes financial topics and building their knowledge of colleges and careers of interest.

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 or (972) 591-2525.

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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.