

AVID 3: Junior Year

Course Philosophy

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an elective course that prepares students for entrance into four-year colleges. There will be an emphasis on writing, preparation for college entrance and placement exams, study skills and test taking, note-taking and research. There will be weekly tutorials to support you in your high school course work.

Hit The Ground Running!!!!!!!!!!

There are two years from this point to graduation, even less to the submission of college applications. Your head needs to be in the game from day ONE! You are upper classmen, you will be expected to conduct yourself accordingly. Which means you need to be self-motivated and self-directed.

Course Objectives

This year we will focus on:

- Preparing for entrance exams: SAT, ACT
- Meeting graduation requirements.
- Maintaining A/B averages.
- Developing the skills to be successful in college:
 - key cognitive strategies
 - key content knowledge
 - academic behaviors
 - contextual and awareness skills
- ⇒ Working and perfecting the following skills:
 - time management and organization
 - writing/reading/research
 - Cornell notes
 - tutorials
 - interpersonal
 - public speaking
- ⇒ Selecting colleges and preparing applications.

Projects for the Year

- Research Paper On an Influential Leader
- College Applications/Essays
- End of Year Portfolio

Daily Expectations

1. You will bring your binder to class (and school) EVERYDAY. If you do not have your binder with you or leave it in the classroom you will have points deducted from your next binder check.
2. On tutorial days you will come into class with your tutorial request form (TRF) complete with questions.
3. You will be respectful to your fellow classmates, the faculty and staff.
4. **You need to monitor your grades by checking them periodically in the online grade book.**
5. You will participate in all lessons and activities conducted in class.

Binder/Agenda

- ⇒ A section for each course
- ⇒ Dividers within each course: Notes, Handouts, Graded Work, TRF & College (AVID only)
- ⇒ Planners will be in the front of your binder, options to be discussed

Grading

70%- binder checks, participation, assignments, projects, quizzes and tests

30%- Tutorials (TRF)

Community Service

Community service is integral for a solid college application, Bright Futures qualifications and to be a positive force in your environment.

We will keep track and document hours.

Fund Raising

To help fund AVID activities we will need to do fund raisers. Participation will be mandatory.

AVID Family Nights

Over the course of the year LHS will host AVID Family Nights. Participation by you and your family is vital to the program and your academic success.

Successful Classroom Interaction- SLANT

Sit in front

Lean forward

Ask questions

Nod your head

Talk to the teacher

Remember: We Are In This Together

I am here to help you be successful in and out of school. I am your teacher, advocate, coach, cheerleader, etc. Please come speak with me if you have questions, are facing challenges, need help with an assignment, or just want to chat 😊 My goal is to help you with your goals to graduate and go to college.

IT IS FREEZING IN MY ROOM..... DRESS ACCORDINGLY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!