AVID Syllabus

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COURSE OBJECTIVE: The AVID elective is the key element for the AVID program. The AVID program is aimed at directing students on a college-bound path. This will be accomplished through weekly tutorials, teaching organizational skills, and developing the learning process with critical thinking skills. We will also be visiting colleges and doing community service and team building exercises to help the students set future goals that they can achieve.

TUTORIALS: Once a week the students will be expected to bring specific questions from their other classes and work together in groups to solve them. Ideally, there will also be two or three tutors, in addition to the instructor, to guide them through the process. Tutors will not be answering questions for students; they will be helping the students find the answers themselves.

LEARNING LOGS: Learning logs will be done weekly. Learning logs are summaries about what the student has learned throughout their classes. Learning logs will be done for each class. If Cornell notes were not taken a day in class, a learning log should be done in its place.

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS: Students will be expected to keep a 3 three ring binder with all the notes and materials from their other classes.   They will be taught how to organize the binder and it will be checked periodically. Within the binder they keep taking Cornell Style notes, which will organize their review material and their learning.

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS: Regularly, students will be engaged in activities designed to develop the learning process. These activities include writing assignments, Socratic Seminars, group problem solving and in- class projects. We will also be working on goal setting, and a plan of how to achieve their goals, which will include preparing for ACT's and college scholarship applications.

SERVICE LEARNING: Each student will be required to complete three hours of community service per quarter. These hours will be logged and signed off by a parent or guardian.

GRADING POLICY: Grades will be determined using the following categories:

Tutorials	40%
Binders	30%
Class Work & Assignments	10%
AVID Projects	10%
Community service/activities	10%

HOMEWORK: Homework will be primarily to keep up with and be organized in other subjects, to be prepared for tutorials, and other activities in the elective class.