

## AVID 1: Freshman 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.

### Course Objectives

1. Students will take courses that meet four-year college entrance requirements.
2. Students will participate in tutorials for academic courses.
3. Students will learn and apply AVID skills, including note-taking, organization, time management and goal setting.
4. Students will improve their oral communication skills through a variety of activities, including presentations and Socratic Seminar.
5. Students will participate in writing to learn activities, including note-taking, learning logs and essay writing.
6. Students will learn to evaluate their own and other's writing, using rubrics and scoring guides.
7. Students will prepare for college entrance examinations, including the SAT and ACT.
8. **Students will compile and maintain a portfolio of their work. This will be a year long project.**

### 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 question.
3. You will be respectful to your fellow classmates, the faculty and staff.
4. **You need to monitor your grades by checking them periodically on the online gradebook.**
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 (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. The two ways we will be satisfying your service:

1. Helping/participating in school functions.
2. Participating in fund raising activities.

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 SFMHS 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!!!!!!!!!!**