



AVID 8



Mr. Cenicerós– Room 707 @ Mar Vista Academy

The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Elective is an academic elective course that prepares students for college and career readiness and success, and it is scheduled during the regular school day as a year-long, academic elective course. Each week, students receive instruction that utilizes a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum provided by *AVID Center* and aligned to the **AVID College and Career Readiness Framework**. Students engage in learning tasks that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading (**WICOR®**) to support their academic growth. Additionally, students engage in tutor-facilitated tutorials, academic success skills, and in motivational activities centered around exploring college and career opportunities and developing their student agency.

The 8th grade AVID Elective course serves as a pivotal year for preparing students for high school. Building on the skills and strategies acquired in the 7th grade AVID course, students will further develop their student agency skills. This includes honing effective collaboration techniques, refining goals, advocating for themselves, demonstrating leadership, and managing conflicts. The course will deepen students' proficiency in writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading, all crucial for their transition to high school and future academic pursuits.

Materials

- 2" 3-ring binder
 - Dividers for each subject
 - Monthly Calendar
 - Planner
 - Pouch for pencils/pens
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 - Focused notes
 - Notebook (loose lined) paper (~15 sheets per semester)
 - Tutorial Request Forms (TRFs)
 - Optional: highlighters, eraser
- Charged iPad

AVID Topics & Themes

- WICOR: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, & Reading
- Community/Team Building
- Self-Advocacy
- Conflict Management & Positive Socialization
- Learning Styles
- Leadership Development
- Goal Setting
- Time Management
- Financial Literacy

A typical AVID 8 week consists of skill building activities in the topics and themes listed above as well as two tutorial sessions (1 hour each on Tuesday and Thursday), reflections (lesson/daily/weekly learning logs),

literacy development (close reading, marking/interacting with text, focused note-taking), and a weekly binder check.

Grading

Scholarship Grades consist of three major categories: skill building, tutorials, and binder organization.

- Quizzes: 25%
- Tutorials: 35%
- Binder Organization: 40%

Community Service Amount of hours TBD (this requirement will be part of the Citizenship Grade)

Field Trips & Fundraising

We will be planning visits to university campuses and raising funds for transportation and other expenses. More information will be coming soon regarding dates and fundraising opportunities.

I am looking forward to an exciting year full of academic and personal growth for our students! AVID is a fun class but it also requires a high level of commitment, responsibility, motivation and a growth mindset.

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me via email at sergio.cenicerosjr@sweetwaterschools.org or through Jupiter Grades.

Respectfully,

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