

Osceola Fundamental High School **AVID**

Parent Information



The Mission of AVID

The mission of **AVID** is to ensure that all students, and most especially students in the middle with academic potential capable of completing a college preparatory path:

- will succeed in the most rigorous curriculum,
- will enter mainstream activities of the school,
- will increase their enrollment in four-year colleges, and
- will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.

What is AVID?

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

- **AVID** is a national college preparatory program for students with college potential.
- **AVID** is an elective course that is taken each year through high school graduation.
- **AVID** focuses on...
 - Support in Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment courses
 - Building a Competitive College Resume
 - Refining Skills Needed for Success
 - Researching College & Careers

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Based on 2017-18 national data, students in **AVID**...

- 75% take at least one Advanced Placement course.
- 93% complete four year college requirements.
- 90% who apply are accepted into four year colleges.
- 85% of **AVID** students persist in a four year college (compared to the national average of 78%).

The AVID Student Profile

Students with Academic Potential

- Average to High Test Scores
- 2.5-3.5 Unweighted GPA
- Self Motivated
- Active in Extracurricular & Community Activities
- Desire to take more challenging courses (Honors/AP/Dual Enrollment)

What happens in the AVID class?

- A community of students who are taking advanced coursework and on a college going path.
- Focus on identifying and gaining acceptance into the college of choice through research.
- Strengthen skills needed to be successful in both high school, college, and career.
- Twice a week tutorials with college students.
- College speakers and trips to gain familiarity.
- College and scholarship application support.

AVID Course Requirements

In addition to taking the **AVID** elective, **AVID** students will take rigorous courses depending on their grade level:

- 9th Grade - English Honors or Bio Honors
- 10th Grade - 2 Honors Courses
- 11th Grade - 1 Honors & 1 College Level Course
- 12th Grade - 2 College Level Courses

* AVID defines a College Level Course as either an AP class, or 2 Dual Enrollment classes in alternate semesters

AP/Dual Enrollment Courses offered at OFHS

- Art History
- Biology
- Calculus AB & BC
- Capstone Seminar
- Capstone Research
- College Experience
- Composition I & II
- Computer Science
- English Language
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Human Geography
- Humanities
- Music Theory
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language and Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art (2D, 3D, & Drawing)
- US History
- World History

AVID Application Process

- Accepting applications for current 9th & 10th Graders.
- Applications due 1/31/2020
- Apply using the QR code.
- If you receive an acceptance letter, you will select the AVID elective and required courses during 2020-21 class registration.
 - Current 9th Graders: Select AVID 2
 - Current 10th Graders: Select AVID 3



FAQs

- Is this an elective that can be taken for a single semester or a single year?
- No - This program is designed to support student success through graduation. If you are interested in a one time course to improve skills or prepare for SAT/ACT, we offer other electives such as Semantics & Logic.

FAQs

- Aside from the schedule requirements, are there any other requirements for the program?
- Yes - Students need to keep a clean discipline record and maintain at least a 2.0 unweighted.

FAQs

- My student has a 504 or IEP. Could AVID be helpful for them?
- Yes - if your student has plans to go to college, then AVID could be helpful. Many of the other skills such as organization and time management also foster a sense of self advocacy that will be helpful for them in college and career.

FAQs

- My student is not planning to attend either a two or four year college. Should they still consider AVID for the other skills supported?
- No - there are other courses that would be more appropriate , as college preparation is a major part of the AVID curriculum. They are encouraged to talk to guidance about opportunities for students who are considering plans other than college.

Questions?

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