



FAQs: AVID in Middle School

1. Is there summer prep that is necessary for rising 6th grade AVID?

Students do not need “preparation” over the summer to be successful in the AVID elective class. However, students should plan for specific supplies for the start of the school year. Be sure to ask what supplies you will need to start the school year at your middle school’s 6th grade Expo!

2. Will 5th grade students need to take 6th grade math early since they will be doing Algebra 1 in 8th grade?

Sixth graders who are enrolled in 6th grade Advanced Math will be on track to take Algebra in the 8th grade. Students entering 6th grade AVID do not need to enroll in extra math courses over the summer.

3. Is there a deadline for applying?

Qualified students who apply by March 1 will be assured a seat in the AVID elective class.

4. Are gifted students able to be in the AVID elective if they have mid-range test scores and grades?

Yes. Giftedness or potential is not directly related to test scores or grades. Gifted students who fall into the academic middle may benefit from the tools offered in AVID to help them become independently successful by offering a built-in support system for their often rigorous coursework.

5. What academic skills does the AVID elective build in students?

The AVID elective builds a community of positive peer relationships that influence strong academic outcomes. Students practice and improve their skills in asking questions, collaboration, organization and writing and reading strategies. Students learn about high school, college, and career opportunities to plan their future.

6. Can gifted students take both the AVID Elective and Advanced Academics?

Yes. Advanced Academics is where gifted students receive their gifted services. The A.A course is taught by a gifted endorsed teacher and the class consists of gifted students. The AVID elective offers students the supports and tools described above. The AVID elective is beneficial to many gifted students but is not part of gifted services.

7. Can students change their mind later in the school year if they decide AVID is not a good fit?

AVID is an academic elective that is a year-long commitment. In rare instances schedule changes may occur.