

# Middle School **AVID®** FAQs

## **Is there summer prep that is necessary for rising 6th grade AVID?**

No. However, students should plan for specific supplies to start the school year. Be sure to ask what supplies will be needed at your 6th grade orientation.

## **Will 5th grade students need to take 6th grade math early since they will be doing Algebra I in 8th grade?**

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

## **Is there a deadline for applying for the AVID elective?**

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

## **Are gifted students able to be in the AVID elective if they have mid-range test scores and grades? Can gifted students take both the AVID elective and Advanced Academics?**

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. Gifted students can take both the AVID elective and Advanced Academics, where they will receive gifted services in Advanced Academics and academic support and tools in the AVID elective.

## **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 reading and writing strategies. Students learn about high school, college, and career opportunities to plan their future.

## **Can students change their minds 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.