



Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

AVID is a college preparation program designed to assist students in achieving their very best! Students will work on skills in the following areas: WICOR, studying, test taking, organizing, note taking, listening, presenting, collaborating, communication, and planning. There are also tutorial sessions twice a week conducted by trained college tutors.

AVID students also work extensively on college preparation. This includes examining different colleges, researching criteria for admissions, application preparations, scholarships, and real-life experiences.

AVID is a daily class that students enroll in and counts as an academic elective. Students also have the unique opportunity to stay in AVID all four years of high school. Every year the program builds and adds to the success of each student. Plus AVID looks great on a college application!

Freshman year, the students work on organization, study skills, note taking, presentations, and planning. Sophomore year the students build on those skills and begin working on high-stakes test preparation for ACT/PSAT/SAT. Students will also examine dual enrollment opportunities and begin to plan for their college experience.

Junior year is all about getting ready for college! ACT, ASVAB and SAT testing, college research and career exploration, as well as preparing the educational resume, are the primary focus. During senior year the students will work on life skills, preparing for their college experience, college applications, FAFSA, scholarship opportunities, career exploration, and forming independent study skills.

AVID is making a big impact on the students and staff at Countryside and throughout Pinellas County. We look forward to having you and your student as part of our family!

What are the qualifications to enter AVID at Countryside High School?

Freshmen:

- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 1+ Honors classes

Sophomores:

- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- 2+ Honors level classes

Juniors:

- GPA of 2.5 higher
- 1+ Honors Classes
- 1 AP or Dual Enrollment Class

Seniors:

- GPA of 2.5 higher
- 2+ AP or Dual Enrollment Class

How do I apply to AVID?

Complete the application and an interview.

The application can be found at:
<http://tinyurl.com/pcsAVID>

The interview will be with:
An AVID representative

Dr. Jean L. Hitchcock
AVID Teacher &
Program Coordinator
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Kristen Clausen
Administrator
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What the Students Say

“AVID to me it isn’t just a class, it’s a privilege.”

“It is a class for people who can go further than what others can. They are people who have a goal and motivation to get where they want to go.”

“AVID is more than a class to me. It’s a way to my future, my way to a better education.”

“It makes me feel supported and my classmates are like my family.”

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