

# AVID 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Elective Course

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## **Course Philosophy:**

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is offered as an elective course that prepares students for entrance into four-year college. There is an emphasis on analytical writing, college prep and entrance exams, study skills and test-taking skills, note taking skills (Cornell Notes,) and research.

## **Course Description/Structure**

Monday and Wednesday—instruction in test-taking skills, study skills, note taking skills, WICR (writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading)

Tuesday and Thursday—tutor led study groups (MSU and community tutors)

Friday—motivational activities (including guest speakers and field trips), academic survival skills

## **Objectives:**

1. Students will take courses that meet college entrance requirements.
2. Students will participate in tutorials for academic courses.
3. Students will learn and apply AVID skills, including note taking, organization, time management, and goal setting.
4. Students will improve their oral communication skills through a variety of activities, including presentation and Socratic Seminar.
5. Student will participate in writing to learn activities, including note-taking, learning logs, and essay writing.
6. Students will learn to evaluate their own and other's writing, using the rubrics and scoring guides provided.
7. Students will prepare for college entrance exams including the SAT and ACT.
8. Student will complete and present a portfolio of their work in AVID.

## **Assessment Procedures:**

1. AVID Binders will be graded weekly
2. Participation in tutorials
3. Participation during class activities
4. AVID Portfolio

## **Portfolio Contents:**

1. Writing
2. Four-year plan
3. Analytical essays
4. Notes from other classes
5. Reflection on AVID class