

**Q: What is AVID?**

**A:** AVID is a 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade program designed to prepare students in the academic middle for four-year college eligibility. It has a proven track record in bringing out the best in students, and in closing the achievement gap. AVID places academically average students in advanced classes such as honors, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced Placement. AVID is not an intervention program for students who are struggling or “at-risk”. AVID pulls students out of their less challenging courses and puts them on the college track: acceleration instead of remediation.

**Q: What is the profile of the AVID Student?**

**A:** AVID is designed for students with academic potential. Typically, AVID students have average to high test scores, a 2.0 through a 3.5 grade point average, college potential, and a desire and determination to work hard and study smart. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential. Additionally, the profile of an AVID student is one who meets one or more of the following criteria:

- First in family to attend college
- Historically underserved in 4-year colleges
- Low family socioeconomic status
- Special circumstances such as school site recommendation

**Q: When is AVID offered?**

**A:** Not only are students enrolled in their school's toughest classes, such as honors, International Baccalaureate, and Advanced Placement, but also in the AVID elective. For one period a day, they learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make attending college seem attainable. Ideally, their self-images improve, and they become academically successful leaders and role models for other students.

**Q: What does the AVID class involve?**

**A:** The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, is driven by the WICR method, which is an acronym for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading. AVID curriculum is used in AVID elective classes and in content-area classes. Students are expected to come prepared on a daily basis whether it is for WICR or tutorial sessions. Active participation is a requirement. Guest speakers, motivational activities, field trips, and college tours are incorporated throughout the year.

**Q: What is an AVID Tutor?**

**A:** Tutors are essential to the success of the AVID elective class, where they facilitate student access to rigorous curriculum. As students from colleges and universities, tutors receive formal training and also serve as role models. AVID students who continue their education in college often return to the program as tutors and assist with the tutorial session twice a week during the AVID elective.

**Q: Where is AVID offered in Chino Valley?**

**A:** The Chino Valley Unified School District offers the AVID Program at all secondary sites. Under the direction of an AVID Coordinator, each site offers at least one AVID elective class, with the high schools also offering the AVID Senior Seminar. An AVID Site Team consists of the AVID Coordinator, an AVID Administrator, an AVID Counselor, an AVID Elective Teacher, and at least four AVID Subject Area Teachers all of whom receive staff development and training. AVID Tutors, who are trained on AVID methodologies and strategies, serve as a vital resource within the AVID elective class.

**Q: How do students get into AVID?**

**A:** Each school has a recruitment, invitation, and/or selection process. Please contact the individual junior high or high school and ask for the AVID Coordinator who can provide you with more information or go to <http://avid.chino.groupfusion.net> to find out the contact person at each school.

**Q: Who can I contact for more information about AVID?**

**A:** If you have general questions about the AVID Programs in Chino Valley, please contact Steve Gasca, District AVID Coordinator at 909-628-1201 x 1630. If you have specific questions about a particular school's AVID program, please contact the individual junior high or high school and ask for the AVID Coordinator, or visit Chino Valley's AVID website at <http://avid.chino.groupfusion.net> for more information.