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HAIS

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Decades of College Dreams

Welcome HAIS Class of 2025

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The Road to College, Career, or Military
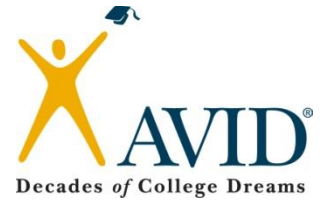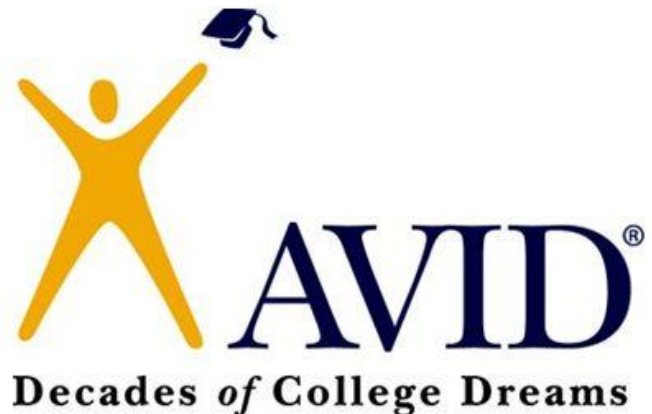
The Mission of A.V.I.D

AVID Mission Statement

- "AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society."
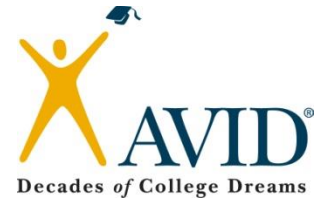
What AVID Isn't

- AVID isn't a free ride

- AVID isn't a homeroom class

- AVID isn't a college outreach program

- AVID isn't a remedial program

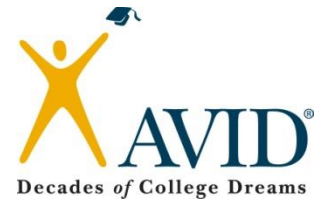"**AVID** is a challenge to be better."-Jackie L. HAIS student

What AVID Is

- AVID = Advancement Via Individual Determination

- A direct support structure for students' academic and career success.

- A structured, college preparatory system working directly with schools and districts.

- A schoolwide approach to curriculum and rigor adopted by nearly 4,500 schools in 45 states and 15 countries.

- A professional development program providing training throughout the world.

- AVID strategies support the Common Core State Standards.

AVID at HAIS

- AVID Elective class is required for all HAIS students.
- All students will take the AVID Elective class from 9th grade through 12th grade.
- In AVID you will learn great skills that will prepare you for your college and career choices after high school.

AVID Program Essentials

1. AVID student selection
2. AVID elective class offered during the school day
3. Rigorous course and study
4. Writing and reading curriculum
5. Inquiry to promote critical reading
7. Collaboration
8. Trained tutors
9. Data collection and analysis
10. District and school commitment
11. Active and interdisciplinary site team

A Sample Week in the AVID Elective

Daily Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AVID Curriculum	Tutorials	AVID Curriculum	Tutorials	Binder Evaluation Field Trips Media Center Speakers Motivational Activities (within block)

AVID Curriculum Includes:

- ☐ Writing Curriculum
- ☐ College and Careers
- ☐ Strategies for Success
- ☐ Critical Reading

AVID Tutorials Include:

- ☐ Collaborative Study Groups
- ☐ Writing Groups
- ☐ Socratic Seminars

AVID 8-12: WICOR

WRITING
- Cornell Notes/Learning Logs
- Quickwrites and Reflections
- Process Writing
- Peer Evaluation
- Authentic Writing

READING
- Deep Reading Strategies
- Note-Taking
- Graphic Organizers
- Vocabulary Building
- Summarizing
- Reciprocal Teaching

INQUIRY
- Skilled Questioning Techniques
- Costa's Levels of Thinking
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Investigations
- Questions that Guide Research

ORGANIZATION
- Binders and organizational tools
- Calendars, planners, and agendas
- Graphic organizers
- A focused note-taking system
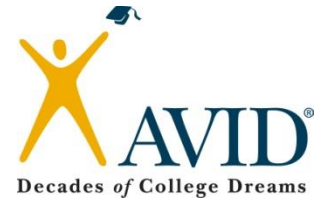- Tutorials and study groups
- Project planning and SMART goals

COLLABORATION
- Socratic Seminars
- Tutorials
- Philosophical Chairs
- Group Activities
- Peer Editing Groups
- Service Learning

Why AVID Works

- Places AVID students in rigorous curriculum and gives them the support to achieve;

- Provides the explicit "hidden curriculum" of schools;

- Provides a team of students for positive peer identification; and

- Redefines teacher's role as that of student advocate.