

# Plano Independent School District

## AVID Program



### What does AVID do for students?

- Teaches study and organizational skills
- Gives tutorial help through college tutors
- Builds leadership potential
- Teaches students to work collaboratively to be successful in the most rigorous courses
- Assists students with the application process for colleges and universities
- Helps students explore careers through guest speakers

### How are students selected for the AVID program?

AVID targets students in the academic middle that have the potential to succeed in advanced courses. The selection process is as follows:

- Recommendations are taken from teachers, counselors, and parents. Students may also recommend themselves for the program.
- Interested students complete an application, written interview, and an oral interview.
- The AVID campus site team (composed of an administrator, a counselor, the campus AVID coordinator, and teachers from other subjects) selects the students for the program.

### What is the commitment for students in the AVID program?

- Students must enroll in the AVID elective course which is taught during the school day.
- Students in AVID must commit to taking college-prep courses, including honors and Advanced Placement.
- Students must pursue participation in extracurricular activities and community service.
- Students must maintain an AVID binder with an agenda.
- Students must have a daily dedicated time for homework, studying and working on projects.

### What campuses offer the Secondary AVID program?

Middle Schools		High Schools	Senior High Schools
Armstrong	Otto	Clark	Plano East Senior High
Bowman	Renner	Jasper	Plano Senior High School
Carpenter	Robinson	McMillen	Plano West Senior High
Frankford	Rice	Shepton	
Haggard	Schimelpfenig	Vines	
Hendrick	Wilson	Williams	
Murphy			

### How are the Secondary AVID Program and Elementary AVID Program different?

- The AVID Elementary Program serves all students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. AVID strategies, such as goal setting, time management, organization, using an agenda, note-taking, and levels of thinking are incorporated into the school day. The cornerstone of the Secondary AVID Program is the AVID Elective Course. Students must apply for the AVID Elective and be selected to participate in the program.

### Plano ISD AVID 2016-17

- Over 2600 AVID Secondary Students
- 90% are taking at least 1 honors/preAP course
- 977 AP Courses being taken by AVID students