

# AVID Objectives at LCSMS

- To provide academic instruction and other support to students and to prepare them for eligibility to four year colleges and universities.
- To improve organizational skills.
- To improve critical thinking skills.
- To increase student involvement in community service.
- To prepare and support students for entry into the most rigorous high school courses.
- To empower average students to achieve academic excellence.



*Stallions... Galloping to Greatness*

# AVID Facts

## The AVID Parent

AVID parents encourage their students to achieve academically, participate on an advisory board and in AVID parent and site team meetings, and maintain regular contact with the AVID coordinator.

## The AVID Curriculum

The AVID curriculum, based on rigorous standards, was developed by middle and senior high school teachers in collaboration with college professors. It is driven by the **WICOR** method, which stands for writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading. AVID curriculum is used in AVID elective classes, in content-area classes in AVID schools, and even in schools where the AVID elective is not offered.

## The AVID Tutor

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.



*Decades of College Dreams*

# AVID Advancement Via Individual Determination

***avid** (adj.) (L. avidus, eager for knowledge)*



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# What is AVID?

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class, during the school day, based on writing as a tool of learning, the inquiry method, and collaborative grouping. The three main components of the program are:

- Academic instruction
- Tutorial support
- Motivational activities



## 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.*



# Who is an AVID Student?

AVID students are students in the middle, capable of completing a college preparatory path with support. These students often are not realizing their full potential academically. In the identification process a number of criteria are considered, including:

- State Test Scores
- 2.0 - 3.5 GPA
- Citizenship
- Attendance
- Desire and Determination
- First in the Family to Attend College
- Historically Underrepresented in 4-year colleges/universities
- Economically Disadvantaged

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# AVID Activities

- Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading (WICOR) methodologies are the basis for curriculum instruction
- Students participate in field trips to colleges/universities
- College students act as role models and facilitate academic discussion in regularly scheduled tutorial groups
- Students develop academic and social skills for success in all subject areas
- Guest speakers provide motivation and college and professional career information
- AVID students participate in extracurricular and community events

