

# AVID RECRUITMENT 2019

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# What is AVID?

- Advancement Via Individual Determination
- It is a nationwide program that originated in San Diego in 1980
- It is an academic program that strives to prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society.
- Students stay with the same AVID teacher for 4-years.

# What is the goal of PVPUSD AVID?

- to help 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the academic middle meet or exceed their potential throughout high school and beyond.
- for our AVID students to master the skills necessary to be successful in college and in their careers.

# How does AVID accomplish this?

- AVID College Readiness System
  - ▣ Cornell Notes
  - ▣ Binder and Agenda (organization/ time management)
  - ▣ WICOR
  - ▣ Tutorial
- Academic tutorials, two times per week
  - ▣ Collaborative groups work to master the skill
  - ▣ Students prepare questions based upon homework, tests, quizzes or reading assignments from core classes
  - ▣ AVID trained tutors facilitate the tutorial process

# What do we do in AVID?

- Freshman Year:
  - note taking skills
  - study skills
  - organization
  - time management
  - reading and writing skills
  - public speaking
  - college research
  - 4-year plan
  - Bite of Reality
  - service learning

# What do we do in AVID?

- Sophomore Year: build on freshman year and add...
  - critical thinking
  - writing skills
  - public speaking
  - refine 4-year plan
  - ACT/ SAT prep
  - college research
  - career exploration
  - service learning

# What do we do in AVID?

- Junior Year: build on sophomore year and add...
  - rigor to 4-year plan
  - cost of college research
  - college application rough draft
  - personal statement essay prep
  - college research
  - ACT/ SAT prep
  - Bite of Reality
  - service learning

# What do we do in AVID?

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- Senior Year: build on junior year and add...
  - college application process
  - personal statement essay prep
  - scholarship research
  - college success strategies
  - college 4-year plan
  - leadership
  - Dorm Life 101
  - service learning



# But, do we do anything fun?

- Banquet
  - ▣ Grade level awards
  - ▣ Senior Recognition
- AVID sweatshirts / t-shirts / sweatbands
- Program wide Fun days
- Semester CSF
- Zero Zeros Club (PVHS)
- Field Trips - Dodgers game, Knott's Berry Farm
- College Visits

# College Trips...the fun way to do research

- UCSB, Cal Poly SLO
- UCSD, USD, SDSU, CSU San Marcos
- Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, University of San Francisco, San Francisco State
- CSU, Boulder, Colorado State University, Air Force Academy
- Oregon State, University of Oregon, Lewis and Clark
- UCLA, USC
- Chapman University, UCI
- Pepperdine University, LMU
- CSU Fullerton, CSU Los Angeles (Honors College), CSU Dominguez Hills
- Occidental College, Whittier College

# How does AVID support academic rigor?

- Tutorial
- Late Start or Lunch Tutoring
- Finals Preparation - Afterschool Tutorial
  - Review sessions with content teachers
  - Study Hall
- Mentor Meetings

# What is the evidence of increased rigor?

- Honors / AP enrollment - over 50 % meeting
  - Freshman: 1 class preferred
  - Sophomore: 1-2 classes expected
  - Junior: 1 AP class expected
  - Senior: 1-2 AP classes expected
- Class GPAs
  - Average: 3.5
  - 20% 3.8-3.99 and 10% 4.0+
- AVID CSF membership
  - 50% of AVID student population

# With increased rigor, comes improved grade...

As evidenced by the growth of PVHS Class of 2018:

- in 2014 their average middle school GPA was 2.96
- in 2018 their average high school GPA is 3.43

As evidenced by consistency of AVID Class of 2018:

- 100% completed A-G requirements
- 100% took SAT/ ACT
- 100% applied to 4-year universities
- 98.5% were accepted to 4-year universities

# How do we know AVID works in PVPUSD?

- PVPHS - 19<sup>th</sup> Year of AVID
- PVHS – 16<sup>th</sup> Year of AVID
- 98% College acceptance rate
- 95% Matriculate to 4-year university

Students Admitted to: All UCs and CSUs, USC, Notre Dame, University of Colorado, University of Indiana, University of Oregon, University of Hawaii, Smith College, Villanova University, University of Michigan, University of Arizona, Pepperdine University, Chapman University, Indiana University, Santa Clara University, Brown, University of Washington...

# But, AVID is NOT...

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- Homework club
- Study hall
- A magic answer

# AVID is...

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- An opportunity for growth
- An opportunity to develop new skills
- An opportunity for students to take control over their own learning



# Who should apply?

- 8<sup>th</sup> graders in the academic middle
- Students motivated to do better
- Students who like to collaborate
- Students willing to embrace a new way of “doing” school

# Recruitment and Student Selection Process

- In January through March the coordinators recruit the new class. Middle school counselors compiled a list of students based GPAs and 7<sup>th</sup> grade test scores
- January 31 the coordinators visited the middle schools. Selected students were invited to come to an informational meeting during the school day to learn about the program and recruiting process.
- February 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> the AVID coordinators hold night-time family meetings to explain the program and the recruitment process.

# Recruitment continued...

- February 20th the portfolios are due the counselors or high school coordinators (students submit these).
- February 20th the teacher recommendations are due to the counselors (teachers submit these).
- February 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> the AVID coordinators hold interviews.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> acceptance letters go out.

# Next step...

- Complete portfolio application and return (with a stamped, addressed envelope) by February 20th.
- Ask teachers to complete and submit recommendations by February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Private school candidates, please email the coordinator directly to set-up an interview.
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