

Mendez Fundamental AVID Agreement

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Name of Student: _____ Enrollment Date: _____

AVID is a program which prepares students for four-year college eligibility.

Student Goals:

- Academic success in rigorous coursework
- Enrollment in advanced classes in high school

Student Responsibilities:

- Maintain a successful grade point average.
- Maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes.
- Maintain the AVID binder with assignment/grade record sheets and daily notes in all classes.
- Complete all homework assignments and commit to at least two hours of homework every night.

Student Agreement:

I agree to accept enrollment into the AVID elective class, which will offer academic support. I want to succeed, and I understand that I must take individual responsibility for my own success. I understand that in order to give fair consideration to my involvement with the program, I must commit to remaining enrolled in the AVID elective for at least one year, and that I will be allowed to remain in the program only if I meet the student responsibilities outlined above.

In addition, I pledge:

1. I now realize the greatest power in the world is the power of knowledge.
2. I will learn my basic skills and be an expert in them.
3. I want to be intelligent. Misinformed people go through life missing so many rewards that could be theirs
4. I will read books on subjects that interest me the most. However, I will also read books and articles on other subjects to help me understand what is happening in the world around me.
5. I will discuss with my family and friends what I have learned or questioned at school today.
6. I will set aside some time each day to think about my future, to discuss it with the people I respect and to work on accumulating knowledge that can guarantee that future.

Student Signature: _____

Support Agreement:

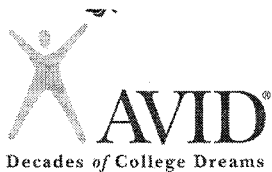
We agree to support the efforts of this student in meeting the goals outlined above.

AVID Teacher Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

AVID Counselor Signature: _____

Site Administrator Signature: _____



Welcome to AVID!!

Congratulations! By signing up for AVID as your elective, you have taken the first step toward attending a four-year university after high school!!

Let me take a moment to introduce myself; I'm Mrs. Holte I teach 8th grade science and AVID, and I'm a huge believer in the AVID program. I was the first person in my family to attend college, and I can tell you first hand, the road to get there wasn't easy. Looking back, if there had been a program like AVID when I was in school, I would have definitely been in it.

The first change you may be encountering this year is your rigorous class schedule. You should have at least one honors classes on your schedule. If you don't, please come talk to me today. It may be because your grades last year were too low, or it may be a mistake. The road to college begins with taking honors classes, and scoring well in them. It's only natural to feel a little worried or overwhelmed; but you have my word that I will help you every step of the way. This elective is designed to teach you how to manage these difficult classes, and we have AVID tutors that will be here every Monday and Wednesday to help answer your complicated questions

Take a deep breath, you were chosen to be in this class because we believe you are the perfect student for this program! I'm so excited to be starting this journey with you, and I hope to be a part of your life all the way through your college career.

Here is an idea of what to expect this year:

- **Cornell Notes:** You are responsible for taking 7-8 pages of Cornell notes a week. They will be checked and graded every Monday. Questions and summaries are essential and you need to complete them the SAME DAY you received the notes.
- **AVID Binder:** Much like the Mendez Binder, but we will be checking your 1.5-Inch binder every Monday to make sure you are keeping organized and taking quality Cornell notes. You must come to school with the binder ready as you walk into class.
- **Tutorials:** You will complete the TRF form for homework, completely working through your questions up to your point of confusion. You will walk into class with your completed TRF form on Monday.
- **Community Service:** 10 hours each semester.
- **Reading:** Critical reading and being able to break down and understand text is one of the most important skills you need to be a successful student.
- **Writing:** Another important skill for success as a student is being able to communicate through writing.
- **Speaking:** You will be practicing how to speak in front of a group with confidence. We will do presentation projects, Socratic Seminars and lots of group work.
- **ACT Explore Test:** A test that will gauge your current skills and interests and will give you an idea of what types of careers and majors might be perfect for you.

Welcome to the AVID family. I cannot wait to get to know you and help you achieve all of your dreams and goals. Don't ever hesitate to ask me for help or guidance. You are my priority this year, and your success means just as much to me as it does to you. I know AVID sounds like a lot of work, but I think you will come to love being a part of such a wonderful family of achievers.