

MVLA
2019-2020
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Title: AVID

School: Mountain View High School

UC/CSU: G Elective Credit

Textbook and/or other learning resources: www.avid.org

Student Learning Outcomes:

AVID is a four-year course throughout high school whose mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing ALL students for college readiness and success in a global society. By the end of the AVID four years at MVHS, students will be ready to meet their personal goals of applying to, being accepted at, and attending and being successful at a four-year college.

As a part of the AVID program, students receive:

- Extra academic support from their AVID teachers, AVID peers, AVID-specific academic counselor, and AVID tutors
- Encouragement, guidance, and support enrolling and succeeding in rigorous curriculum, especially AP and honors courses
- Academic enrichment experiences such as guest speakers, college visits, participation in the PEAK program, and field trips,
- Study skills, time management skills, and SAT/ACT test preparation
- Class and individual mentoring through the college and scholarship application process

Assessment and Grading (BP 5121 / AR 5121): To ensure that every student has an equal opportunity to demonstrate their learning, the course instructors implement aligned grading practices and common assessments with the same frequency.

1. Grading categories and their percentage weights:
 - a. Tutorial - 9th: 40%, 10th: 25%, 11th: 20%, 12th: 20%
 - b. Organization - 9th: 30%, 10th: 25%, 11th: 20%, 12th: 10%
 - c. College Preparation and Readiness - 9th: 30%, 10th: 50%, 11th: 60%, 12th: 70%
2. Achievement evidence collected within each grading category:
 - a. Tutorial - Tutorial Grades
 - b. Organization - Binder Checks, Agenda Check, AVID Notebook
 - c. College Preparation and Readiness - Interaction w/Work, Learning Logs, Reflections, Field Trips (prep, during, after), SAT, ACT, FAFSA, Essay Writing, LOR, College and Scholarship Research (and applications when applicable), Transcript Review, Mentor Visits
3. Grading scales:
 - a. Advanced – A (4.0 - 5.0)
 - b. Proficient – B (3.0 - 3.99)
 - c. Approaching Proficiency – C (2.0 - 2.99)
 - d. Developing – D (1.0 - 1.99)
 - e. Beginning/No Evidence Yet - F (<1.0)
4. Homework/outside of class practices ([AR 6154](#)): The bulk of the work in AVID is completed in class, with the exception of the Tutorial Request Form (TRF). TRF's are to be completed with thoughtfulness the evening BEFORE the tutorial session, which occurs twice a week.

5. Excused absence make up practices ([Education Code 48205\(b\)](#)): If you are absent it is your responsibility to find out what you missed and return to class prepared. You can contact the teacher (via email), or any of your AVID peers to find out what you missed.
6. Academic integrity violation practices ([MVHS Academic Integrity Policy](#)):
7. Late work practices: Most of our work incorporates inherent deadlines (TRF's, Field Trip Permission Slips, Registering for the SAT, etc). Work is necessarily expected to be completed and turned in on time. Any late work must still be completed.
8. Revision practices: Opportunities for revision will be discussed in each class.
9. Extra credit practices: No extra credit will be given in AVID.
10. Additional grading practices: None

Instructors' email addresses:

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Additional information:

Student placement in the AVID class is determined by an application and interview process. AVID students are traditionally first generation in their family to attend college.

As a student enrolled in AVID, you are committing to:

- Individual responsibility for your own success
- A willingness to work hard
- Maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA, striving towards report cards of all As and Bs
- Be on track to meet A-G college entrance requirements
- Written evidence of attention and participation in every academic class every day
- Keep organized binders and a daily agenda
- Collaborate in productive tutorial sessions
- Participate in class activities with maturity, passion, and insight
- A minimum of one hour of studying and one hour of homework completion per night
- Enroll in at least one AP or honors course
- 10 hours per year of community service
- Exceptional school citizenship (includes attendance, tardies, class preparedness, participation, adherence to general school rules, and respect for adults, students, and school property)
- Involvement in at least one school activity per year (sports, clubs, student government, Camp Metamorph, etc.)
- Apply for scholarships
- Apply to at least one four-year college

At the end of each quarter, in addition to your class grade, you will be evaluated on the above standards. If your AVID commitments are not met, you may face probation and subsequent removal from the AVID program.