



Dear Prospective AVID student and parent/guardian,

Thank you for your interest in Rancho Cotate High School's AVID Program. If you would like to be part of this exciting and successful program fill out the application and gather the necessary information needed to turn in with the application. Bring your completed application to your counselor.

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is a program dedicated to helping students achieve their goals of going to college. AVID is targeted to serve the students in the middle or are the first generation college bound. AVID is an elective course that is part of the regular school day schedule. The AVID class provides support, academic monitoring, and tutoring so students can be successful in their other classes and be ready to apply to a four-year university during their senior year. Other core strategies of AVID include refining a student's writing process, Socratic questioning, collaborative learning, and reading. Students also get the opportunity to explore career options and learn about college and the application process. Twice a year, the AVID program participates in field trips where we visit a Bay Area college campus or visit a cultural locale.

You are welcome to apply to our program. Typically, students that are fit for AVID:

- The student is in the middle and would not succeed in a rigorous curriculum without the support of the AVID class
- The student has at least a **2.0+ GPA for Freshman/3.0+ Sophomores, Juniors & Seniors.**
- The student has appropriate classroom behavior.
- The student has **excellent** attendance.
- The student will be dedicated to fulfill A-G requirements in order to apply to a four-year college as a senior.
- The parents and the student have the motivation and desire to prepare for entrance to a four-year college or university.

What is required of an AVID student?

Although AVID is an elective class, it is an academic elective course and the student has certain responsibilities to ensure his/her success. It may seem like a lot of work at first, but AVID students can attest that the extra work is worth it. Each AVID student carries a binder in which he or she is required to keep materials from all academic classes. Students keep track of assignments on assignment sheets and are required to take notes in all academic classes. The notebooks are graded weekly for content and organization. Led by tutors, students participate in tutorial groups in the AVID classroom. The student must be prepared with tutorial questions and have their materials for each tutorial. Students will also be asked to keep track of their grades and ask their content teachers to fill out periodic progress reports; in addition to routine school ones, for monitoring by the AVID teacher/coordinator. All of these activities help the ninth grade AVID student be successful in school.

If the AVID program appeals to you and you wish to attend a four-year college, please take the time to fill out the attached application. We encourage you to apply. Please return your application as soon as possible. We may hold interviews either in person or on the phone. We will let you know if you have been accepted as soon as possible or by the end of May.

Thank you!

Rancho Cotate High School
AVID Program

AVID Student Contact Information & AVID Agreement

Name _____ Current GPA _____
Name of current school _____ Recent Test results ____/_____
Student's Birthdate _____ (if applicable)
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Student Email _____

Parent's/Guardian's names _____
Address (if different from student's address) _____

Home Phone _____ Cell/work Phone _____
Home Phone _____ Cell/work Phone _____
Family Email _____

Name two teachers who would recommend you to the AVID program. Please write down there first and last name clearly.

Please read and sign the terms of agreement for enrollment in AVID and submit this with application.

- I agree to enroll in the AVID class for the entire academic year
- I agree to take notes in all my core classes as required by AVID.
- I agree to keep my binder organized as required by AVID.
- I agree to maintain good attendance and be punctual for all my classes.
- I agree to participate fully in tutorials as required by AVID.
- I agree to participate in field trips, college visitation, and other AVID activities.
- I agree to keep my parents fully informed of AVID program activities.
- I agree to complete all my assignments in all classes including AVID.
- I agree to ask for help, talk to my AVID teacher or counselor if necessary.
- I agree to keep a positive attitude and be enthusiastic about preparing for college.

(Student signature) (Date)

(Parent/guardian signature) (Date) (Parent/Guardian signature) (Date)

Questions/Concerns/Comments: