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St. Louis Public Schools

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For 35 years, AVID has been changing lives with documented successes. AVID today impacts more than 800,000 students in 44 states, 16 other countries/territories, 4,837 schools, and 41 colleges and universities.

Comments from AVID Elective Teachers

“It was exciting to watch the students begin to realize all the opportunities that exist for them after high school. For some of our students, this might be the first time they have believed that attending a college like this is a possibility for them.” Ms. Therese Nims, Sumner HS - AET & AEC

“The high school students enjoyed the question and answer forum with the Washington University students. The tour of Washington University was a great experience – a beautiful campus with elaborate architectural design.” Ms. Barbara Knapp, Soldan HS - AET & AEC

“Thank you for the amazing trip. The students had a blast, and the WIU staff was very complimentary of their behavior--especially with such a large group.” Mr. Michael Baird, Cleveland HS - AET & AEC

AVID is not a program. It is a proven college readiness system designed for K-16 students to increase rigor, provide support, create college opportunities, teach student advocacy and leadership skills, strengthen inquiry and critical thinking skills, build presentation practices, and increase both college readiness and student achievement.

Past Events
3 AVID schools 3 college trips
122 students 12 adults
(52 AVID + 70 non-AVID)

Upcoming Events
April 8-10, 2015
Certification Review Sessions with Site Teams

April & May 2015
District-wide Testing

May 4-7, 2015
AVID’s Annual Certification for all AVID-St. Louis Schools

May 8, 2015
Certification Self-Study (CSS) due to Tiffany King, DD

AVID freshmen take the lead on a college campus tour sponsored by the AVID-AT&T Grant.

Students from Cleveland JROTC HS meet the President of Western Illinois University, Dr. Jack Thomas, on Feb. 27, 2015.
AVID Teacher Trainings
There have been several AVID trainings this school year: AVID Elective Teacher Training, Mini-Tutor Training, Implementation Path Training, & SLPS Professional Development Day – AVID Modules. Congratulations to Mr. Bagnall (Gateway), Ms. Boeckman (Roosevelt), & Ms. Nims (Sumner) for attending and participating in multiple events. Great job!

AVID Curriculum
There are almost thirty (30) curriculum books available for use in elementary and secondary classrooms. The lessons include best teaching practices, tools to increase rigor, engagement strategies, activities for various learning styles and modalities, teambuilding techniques, and scaffolding for varied learning levels. AVID’s research-based practices provide maximum effectiveness when educators attend the trainings AND use the associated curriculum.

AVID’s curriculum is partially included as hyperlinks in the Weeks at a Glance (WAG) electronic lessons available to all AVID teachers via AVID’s website. Each school/district is provided an AVID library during initial implementation, and nearly all books have been revised in the past several years. Visit www.avid.org for more details.

To maintain consistency, AVID uses a national certification process based on eleven essentials and each school’s data. Every year schools must demonstrate successful utilization of AVID to earn certification status. For maximum effectiveness and efficiency, AVID is to be implemented with fidelity, consistently, and with AVID-trained faculty. Visit www.avid.org for details, deadlines, research, and data.

AVID’s fundamental components include the following:
• Cornell Notes for all core classes taken daily, with Focused Note-taking*
  *note-taking, note-making, note-interacting, and note-reflecting
• Binders (organized and maintained daily with all classes included & graded frequently)
• Agendas/Calendars (regularly maintained for time management)
• Tutorials (held weekly using the TRF and following the entire 10-Step Tutorial Process)
• WICOR strategies embedded throughout lessons (WICOR - Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, & Reading)
• College & Career Exposure (guest speakers, college research projects, college campus visits, virtual/web campus tours, FAFSA activities, financial literacy, in-class college representative presentations, interview skill development and practice, scholarship and college admission application assistance, and more for ALL grades)
• AVID-trained Site Team that is interdisciplinary and includes elective teacher(s), coordinator, teacher from each core academic discipline, an administrator, and counselor. Additional members may be added to aid schoolwide efforts.

Sampling of AVID curriculum books

AVID visits college campuses
AVID elective teacher Ms. Knapp took Soldan HS students to WashU on Feb. 27, 2015.

AVID elective teacher Ms. Nims traveled with Sumner HS students to Maryville University on Feb. 26, 2015.