

## East High School AVID/TOPS



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### THE MISSION OF AVID

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

### AVID/TOPS is...

...a partnership between the Madison Metropolitan School District and the Boys & Girls Club of Dane County. The initiative works with high school students to prepare them for college. The program offers tutoring, mentorship and paid summer internships in addition to eligibility for college scholarships.

... modeled on two successful initiatives that produce college enrollment rates of over 95%.

### AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination)

The classroom component, used in over 4,000 schools nationwide, is a four-year elective class with rigorous standards and strong academic support.

### TOPS (Teens of Promise)

The outside-the-classroom component emphasizes college preparatory activities and real-world experiences.

### AVID/TOPS is for...

- First generation college students
- Underrepresented minority students
- Highly motivated students
- Students in the academic middle with the potential to excel in rigorous curriculum
- Students with positive behavior and good attendance
- Students with fluctuating grades due to inconsistent study habits or poor study skills
- Students who plan to attend a college or university upon graduation

### AVID/TOPS

### Advancement via Individual Determination and Teens of Promise

### East High School is a Demonstration School!

AVID National Demonstration Schools are exemplary models of the program and demonstrate the very best AVID methodologies and strategies. Schools and districts interested in implementing AVID or improving their own AVID program can arrange to visit these sites and experience a highly successful AVID program.



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## WHAT IS AVID?

- AVID is an acronym that stands for Advancement via Individual Determination.
- AVID is an in-school academic support program for grades 9-12 that prepares students for college eligibility and success.
- AVID prepares academically average students in advanced classes.
- AVID levels the playing field for minority, low-income and other students without a college tradition in their families.
- AVID is for all students, but targets those in the academic middle.
- AVID strategies are implemented school-wide.

## WHAT AVID/TOPS IS NOT

- AVID is not a remedial program.
- AVID is not a free ride.
- AVID is not a niche program.
- AVID is not a college outreach program.

For more information regarding AVID programming, go to

[www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org)

## AVID Elective Class Enrollment

Students are invited to participate in the four- year elective class based on:

- Teacher and Guidance Counselor recommendations
- Standardized Test scores
- Academic records
- Attendance records
- Disciplinary records
- Student interview
- Parent/Guardian support

### AVID students

- have GPAs from 2.0-3.5
- have the desire and willingness to go to college
- are capable of completing a rigorous program, but fall short of their potential
- will typically be the first in their family to go to college
- many students are from low income or minority families

### AVID graduates

- 100% accepted to 2- or 4-year colleges
- 100% enter college immediately after high school graduation

## THE CURRICULUM

In AVID, students learn study skills, Cornell note-taking and other academic note taking strategies, time management, organization, test readiness, critical thinking, writing to learn and group study skills.

### The AVID Elective

The AVID elective is driven by the WICOR method, which stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading. AVID curriculum is used in content area classrooms as well as the AVID elective class.

The elective class offers:

- A four year curriculum
- Tutorials twice a week
- Curriculum instruction
- College and career seminars
- ACT test preparation
- Strategies for success
- Collaborative study groups
- Writing groups
- Motivational activities
- Guest speakers
- College tours

### AVID is ...

- Research-based, with proven results of student achievement.
- A direct support structure for first-generation college-goers .
- A catalyst for systemic reform and change.