

The AVID Program

*Dunsmuir
Middle School*

Achievement Via Individual Determination



Curriculum

- Agenda Book Use
- Master Binder Organization
- Assignment Logs
- Tutorials
- Cornell Note-taking
- The Writing Process
- Learning Logs
- Test-taking Skills
- Research Techniques
- Listening Skills
- Reading Strategies
- Inquiry/Questioning Skills
- Study Techniques
- Personal and Educational Goal Setting
- Time Management
- Essay Writing
- Collaborative Group Work
- Career Awareness
- College/University Awareness
- Guest Speakers/Field Studies
- Oral Presentation Skills

**91% of 2011
AVID graduates met the
four-year college
entrance requirements.**

Recruitment Process

- Thursday April 12th Grade 7 AVID Assembly, applications provided to interested students
- Thursday April 12th Parent Information Night, 6:00pm at Dunsmuir
- Applications are due in the office by Friday April 27th
- Interviews April 30th – May 4th
- Applicants will be notified of recruitment results.

What is AVID?

AVID is a program designed to prepare students in the academic middle for admission to post-secondary universities and colleges.

AVID students learn and develop skills to improve their academic success throughout their school careers.

Where else is AVID taught?

AVID is an international program, adopted by over 3,500 schools in 45 states as well as 15 countries through the US Department of Defense Dependent Schools. AVID has been taught in select BC schools for over 12 years and enters its 11th year at Dunsmuir. Students learn study and organizational strategies,

What do students do?

Writing to learn skills, and probing-question development. As well, students get academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make going to college seem realistic.

Student Profile

- 2.0 to 3.0 GPA (C to B)—with a desire to do better
- Appropriate classroom behavior
- Good attendance
- Motivation to challenge him/herself
- Demonstrated a consistent work ethic

Expectations

1. Maintain a "C" average (minimum).
2. Enroll in academically challenging courses.
3. Commit to nightly homework or review.
4. Attend classes regularly.

"AVID has totally changed my life. I am more organized and prepared for my future because of AVID." –Katy Stallings

"AVID gives me support with my schoolwork and my life. AVID keeps me moving and keeps me from giving up." – Brandy Tovar

Average Earnings by Level of Schooling in BC (2011 Census—Statistics Canada)

Less than high school graduation
\$28,288

High school graduation certificate
\$33,134

Trades Certificate/College Diploma
\$50,544

University Certificate, Diploma, or Degree
\$60,674