

# AVID Syllabus

I am so excited to continue the AVID journey with you. The mission of the program is to ensure that you will succeed in rigorous curriculum, will complete college preparatory classes through high school, become involved in school activities, and will have the necessary skills to enter a four-year college with success and confidence.

The AVID program is very structured in the skills, strategies, collaborative study groups, and curriculum you will be learning. A sample week in the AVID elective looks like this:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AVID Curriculum Cornell Notes Learning Logs Socratic Seminars Philosophical Chairs Writing Curriculum Costa's Model	Tutorials Process using higher-level thinking and questioning to understand class work	AVID Curriculum Binder/Planner check	Tutorials	Speakers Motivational Activities Team Building Library projects

## AVID Binder

You **MUST** bring your AVID binder to class every day.

No loose papers are allowed. Three-hole punch all papers and place in the proper divider.

Your binder will be graded each Friday for organization and neatness.

## Homework

You will have occasional homework. On Monday and Wednesday nights, you will need to complete a Tutorial Form to be prepared for the tutorials that will take place the next day. You will also have some writing assignments or activities that you may not finish in class.

## Grading Guidelines

Your grade will be based on the activities that fall within 3 categories and are weighed as such: tutorials (40%), AVID curriculum (40%) and organization (20%).

## Attendance is Very Important for Your Success!

Attendance is more important than ever now that you are in AVID. One of the criteria in the selection process for AVID students is to have great attendance. You simply miss too much learning when you are gone. If you are absent, you will be expected to contact all teachers on the day that you return for your work. You may also e-mail your teachers from home to get the work.

## Need Help? Behind in Your Work?

You are welcome to come to our rooms after school as needed for help or a quiet place to work. We are also available before school to answer questions. Your success is very important to us, and we are happy to help you!

## What Can Parents Do?

Your support and encouragement is so important in the AVID program. Your child will be learning many new skills and will have higher expectations placed on them than in the past. Your child will be expected to complete homework for all classes each night and will need to have a quiet place to do homework.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. The best method to contact me for a quick response is through e-mail at [Ochoa\\_Angel@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:Ochoa_Angel@salkeiz.k12.or.us) You may also call the school at 503-399-3224.

**We look forward to a fun, challenging, and productive year!**

Sincerely,  
Angel Ochoa

Parent Email

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