

# Introducing: AVID Elementary



## AVID Mission

To close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

## AVID at Home

Check you student's agenda each day and ask them questions over what they learned.

Check your student's grades on HAC and ask teachers how you can help at home on topics.

Set a schedule at home and include homework time each night. If your student doesn't have homework, fill that time with reading.

Set up a good study area with good lighting and all needed materials so your student is comfortable when working.

## AVID in the Classrooms

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that is designed to increase school wide learning and performance.

This year in the Panther Pride, we have new strategies and tools to better prepare our students for the middle school level.

By teaching and reinforcing academic behaviors and higher-level thinking at a young age, AVID Elementary teachers create a ripple effect in later grades. Elementary students develop the academic habits they will need to be successful in middle school, high school, and college, in an age-appropriate and challenging way. Children learn about organization, study skills, communication, and self-advocacy. AVID Elementary students take structured notes and answer and ask high-level questions that go beyond routine answers.

The strong college-going culture on an AVID Elementary campus encourages students to think about their college and career plans. Schools cover their walls with college pennants and banners, and educators speak about their college experiences. College and careers are no longer foreign concepts, and teachers provide the academic foundation students need to be on a path for college and career success. AVID Elementary closes the opportunity gap before it begins.

Schools may begin AVID Elementary by training teachers across a certain grade level(s) or the entire campus. The training can start with a group as small as four participating in three days of AVID professional learning.

