



**What is AVID?** Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a global nonprofit organization that operates with one guiding principle: Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic

and social support, and they will rise to the challenge. AVID's education system brings research-based curriculum and strategies to students each day that develop critical thinking, literacy, and math skills across all content areas. Anclote High School began implementing the [AVID System](#) in 2015-16. Our AVID students put the work into making their college dreams a reality. Determination is the key to student success.

**What is the AVID Elective?** The AVID Elective is the core of AVID Secondary. It targets students with the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The AVID student is determined to work hard to acquire the skills necessary to be successful in rigorous coursework in high school and college. Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and may come from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education. These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but may be falling short of their potential.

AVID places these students on the college track, requiring them to enroll in the most rigorous courses that are appropriate for them, such as Honors, Advanced Placement, or AICE. To support them in the rigorous coursework, AVID students learn organizational and study skills, develop critical thinking, learn to ask probing questions, receive academic help from peers and college tutors, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities to make their college dreams reality.

**What is AVID Schoolwide?** AVID is schoolwide when a strong AVID system transforms the Instruction, Systems, Leadership, and Culture of a school, ensuring college readiness for all AVID Elective students and improved academic performance for all students based on increased opportunities.

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**AHS AVID:** Anclote High School currently has approximately 150-175 students enrolled in the AVID Elective in grades 9-12. AVID's proven learning support structure, known as WICOR, incorporates teaching/learning methodologies in the critical areas of *Writing to Learn, Inquiry,*

*Collaboration, Organization, and Reading to Learn.* WICOR provides a learning model that teachers use to guide students in comprehending concepts and articulating ideas at increasingly complex levels. Furthermore, the WICOR model reflects and promotes the expertise and attitudes that will serve students well in their academic lives and careers.

AVID students participate in Tutorials twice a week, as a key component to the collaboration portion of the AVID System. Tutorials are a time and place where students come with complex questions from any content class and get guiding support to confront tough problems and solve them within their own means. Using their knowledge and experience, AVID-trained tutors are able to conduct collaborative tutorials that lead to increased student participation and success. Trained tutors are able to create an environment where students feel comfortable asking the questions that they might be embarrassed to ask in their content-area classrooms.

In addition to the AVID [Curriculum](#), students engage in a variety of experiences, including college visits. AHS AVID students have visited the University of South Florida, Florida Polytechnic, University of Central Florida, Eckerd College, University of Florida, and Florida Gulf-Coast University as they continue to explore a variety of post-secondary options.

The AVID team at Anclote works hard to help every student reach their highest potential. Our goal is to create classrooms where students feel supported and valued. Are you willing to work hard to put your goals into action? If so, join our AVID family!

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