AVID Secondary
(Advancement Via Individual Determination)
College Readiness System (rev. 5/2016)

AVID’S MISSION...

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

What is AVID?
AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a research-proven, college-readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll and persist in four-year colleges or universities. Although AVID Secondary serves all students school-wide, it focuses on students in the academic middle who enroll in the AVID Elective course in grades 6 through 12. AVID Elective and core teachers, counselors, principals, college tutors, and parents raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support system in place, students will rise to the challenge. Currently, AVID has been adopted by nearly more than 30,000 educators in 44 states and 16 countries/territories. The system serves more than 800,000 students worldwide and over 2,000 students in the AVID Elective at 10 middle schools and 9 high schools in Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Who are the AVID students?
AVID secondary students are middle and high school students who have:
- at least average to above-average grades (2.0-3.5 GPA) and test scores;
- good citizenship and attendance records;
- the determination to improve their writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills to succeed academically; and
- the drive to graduate from high school and successfully transition to college.

What are AVID students required to do in their AVID elective and core classes?
- Enroll and achieve in rigorous, college-preparatory classes and the AVID elective course;
- Maintain a one-notebook system which includes notes for all courses, assignment logs, and tutorial work;
- Maintain satisfactory citizenship and attendance in all classes;
- Participate in AVID tutorials, a group inquiry process to solve problems from students’ core classes;
- Take the PSAT/SAT/ACT college entrance exams one or multiple times;
- Research and submit applications for college admission, scholarships, and financial assistance for college in high school;
- Participate in AVID events, field experiences, college tours, and community service projects; and
- Graduate from high school on time and be prepared to enter a four-year college or university.