

## **AVID Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **1. Is it okay to start AVID in 8th (or 9th or 10th or 11th) Grade?**

AVID is offered in 7th -12th grade. You can apply to be in AVID when you are in grades 6th-10th to be in the class the following year. However, many students once they are in AVID love it and stay in the class, so there are fewer openings as you go up the grade levels. We have limited space in each class. If you are interested in AVID, the sooner you apply, the better. We do not add new students to the class in 12th grade.

### **2. If I haven't been in AVID before, will I be missing too much of the AVID curriculum if I join in later grades?**

You are always welcome and the teachers go over the skills every year, so we can get you caught up. Our curriculum spirals key foundational skills, so you can join any year and we will help you build those AVID skills.

### **3. Will I be the only new student if I join in 8th grade or later?**

We welcome new students every year, so there will be other students just like you.

### **4. Can you leave AVID?**

It's an elective course. You apply to be selected to be in the course and it is your choice to take it. If you would like to exit the class, we will meet with you and your parents/guardians to work with you and help you make the best choice for you.

### **5. Can I get "kicked out" of AVID?**

The AVID program does require that you maintain a 2.0 GPA, have good attendance, demonstrate good citizenship in all your classes, and that you actively participate in your AVID class. If your AVID teacher has any concerns, we will meet with you and your parents/guardians to develop a plan to help you.

### **6. What is the AVID contract?**

At the start of each school year, AVID students sign the AVID student contract to recommit to meeting the AVID ideals and requirements. If you decide you no longer want to be in the class, this would be the time to inform your AVID teacher.