



Frequently Asked Questions:



Who is an AVID student?

An AVID student is one who is willing to put in the effort to create opportunities for themselves and wants to go to college.

Some of the criteria includes:

- GPA 2.0-3.5
- The first in their family to go to college
- An ethnicity under-represented in college
- FSA, FAST or EOC scores from high level 2 to level 4
- Have college potential with support
- A variety of special circumstances

Can any student apply?

In the 2024-2025 school year we will offer AVID in grades 6-11. Students going into grade 6-10 may complete an application and schedule an in-person interview. Interviews are March 11-22. The link to schedule in on the AVID page of the Odyssey Jr/Sr webpage.

What will I learn in the class?

Each week will follow a specific format. Monday and Wednesday there is a specific curriculum where students will practice reading, writing and critical thinking skills. The topics will be engaging and easy to relate to their own lives. Tuesday and Thursday students will have tutorials which is a student-centered study group. On Fun Fridays students get reenergized with

team-building activities, listen to guest speakers and master their organization. Students in AVID will also go on college visits to learn what different colleges and universities offer.

I received a Golden Ticket or a phone call, does that mean I am already accepted?

Not yet. You received a nomination because a teacher saw that you have some of the qualifications to be a great AVID student. Fill out the application and schedule your interview to complete the process. Official letters of acceptance and regret will be sent before summer break.

Can I still be in AVID if I am dual enrolled at EFSC or am taking an AP class?

Absolutely! The skills students will learn in AVID will directly support the skills needed for college success.

I am on a sports team. Can I still be in AVID?

Yes, AVID teaches organization of time and materials so even though you are busy during school and after, AVID will be able to help you work smarter, not harder.

Do I take AVID for only one year?

No. The curriculum in the AVID class is different in each grade level. In early years, AVID students master organizational skills, note taking and time management. In high school students focus specifically on college entrance requirements and research to find the career they will choose. Since the skills each year develop pieces of college readiness, students stay enrolled in AVID until graduation. Once you are chosen to be a part of the AVID family you will reenroll in the next grade level class. Skills for college readiness and success in a global society take more than one year to master.

Can I enroll in AVID later if I am not sure I can enroll next year?

Yes, but the last year to join AVID is in the 10th grade. Students need 3 years of AVID to make sure they embody all of the success strategies in the AVID program. So that means, 9th graders, decide carefully. This is your only chance to be a part of AVID at Odyssey

Does every school have AVID?

No. Although AVID has been around for more than 3 decades, is in 48 states and numerous countries, the program is only offered at select schools in Brevard County. Those schools are Johnson, Stone, Madison and Central Middle Schools. Eau Gallie, Palm Bay Magnet and Astronaut are the only High Schools.

Will I be in an AVID class with other grade levels?

No. The curriculum and activities are grade level specific, ending in Junior and senior year where students create the documents and applications to apply for colleges and scholarships.