

AVID 7 SYLLABUS

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Welcome to Mrs. Widing's 7th Grade AVID Class!

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Welcome to AVID! I am so excited to have many of you again this year and to also see our AVID family grow with some newcomers! The AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program is a college prep elective class designed to increase school wide learning and performance for you in middle school. Through weekly Peer Study Groups (Tutorials) and the AVID curriculum, you will practice writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading skills (WICOR). The goal of AVID is to prepare YOU to be successful in middle school, high school, and especially college.

You Should Know...

Grading

You will be graded in three main areas:

1. **Organization:** Students will be required to keep an organized binder and an updated planner, as well as any other AVID binder requirements. Binder checks will be done on a weekly basis.
2. **Tutorials:** Students will be required to take notes in their core classes and develop questions for their weekly AVID Tutorial sessions.
3. **Curriculum:** Students will be graded on AVID reading and writing assignments.

More About Grades:

- *Students will keep track of all assignments.
- *Make up work may be reassigned after checking class agenda and missing assignment calendar.
- *Late assignments will be reduced one letter grade and will not be accepted after 2 weeks.

Tutorials

Beginning in October, tutorials will be held weekly to support students in their core academic areas of math, science, language arts, and social studies. Students will be responsible for generating questions from their core classes' homework and class work. Students will learn note-taking, inquiry, and collaboration skills to help solve these questions. Trained academic tutors will guide students in small groups to facilitate learning.

Expectations...

Students...

1. Respect people, opinions, and property.
2. Be prepared to learn—have ALL materials ready for class each day (pencil, agenda, notebook, etc.).
3. Be an active participant in class.
4. Keep binder and planner neat and updated daily.
5. The teacher dismisses the class—not the bell.

In the Classroom...

A Husky PACK is ... CLASSROOMS

PREPARED

- ◆ I will come ready to learn
- ◆ I will come to class with needed materials
- ◆ I will be in my seat before the bell rings

AWARE OF OTHERS

- ◆ I will keep my hands and body to myself
- ◆ I will raise my hand to respond to the teacher
- ◆ I will use appropriate language

COMMITTED

- ◆ I will follow the teacher's entrance and exit procedures
- ◆ I will participate fully in class
- ◆ I will follow directions from any adult at all times

KIND

- ◆ I will be respectful
- ◆ I will be courteous to adults and peers

Curriculum

AVID curriculum is based on inquiry, reading, writing, and collaboration skills. Students will participate in activities and lessons designed to teach these learning strategies. Students will also practice organization, study skills, as well as techniques for becoming a successful student.