



El Rancho High School  
Advancement Via Individual Determination  
2016-2017

Dear Applicant and Families,

Advancement Via Individual Determination, AVID, is a seventh through twelfth grade program that prepares students in the academic middle for admission to a four-year college or university. Students take an AVID elective course throughout middle school and high school that provides them with the skills needed to be successful in advancing academically with the ultimate goal of attending college. For more than 25 years, the AVID program has been instrumental in preparing students for success in higher education.

The core component of the AVID Program is the AVID elective class, which supports students as they challenge themselves in more rigorous course work. Students are taught study skills, note-taking skills using the Cornell Way, time management skills, writing and research skills, and critical reading skills, while being immersed in a college-going culture. The class also includes tutoring sessions that are led by college students and peer tutors in order to provide support for success in the academically rigorous curriculum. Additionally, the AVID class provides access to information about colleges and universities through field trips, guest speakers, college tutors, scholarship opportunities and college admission requirement information. AVID also encourages and exposes students to various community service opportunities within the city of Pico Rivera.

AVID recruits students who are motivated to do well and who are serious about their academic future. Based on grade point average and state test results, we feel that your child is an ideal candidate for the AVID program and has been selected to participate in the recruitment process. Please complete the application, personal essay, and teacher recommendation form to help us gather information about you that is needed in order to determine if you will be selected for next year's AVID class.

All information shared on this form will be used for recruitment and selection of AVID students and will be held confidential. If you should have any additional questions or concerns regarding this application process, please feel free to contact your child's counselor.

Sincerely,

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