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College Graduation Rate Shows Achievement Gap Narrows With AVID

Underrepresented populations who completed AVID in high school earn a bachelor's degree within six years at higher rates

San Diego, CA (December 7, 2017): [AVID](#) (Advancement Via Individual Determination), a nationally recognized nonprofit and college-readiness system, this week released and presented data showing that Latino and black AVID students who enroll in college immediately after high school outperform national completion rates by 6 and 7 percentage points, respectively, with regard to earning a bachelor's degree in six years or less. American Indian and Pacific Islander AVID students also significantly outpace the national rates for their respective groups. This means that AVID students are more prepared and graduate within six years, regardless of the challenges they face. This is especially significant because a typical AVID student is traditionally of a minority population (Hispanic or black) and from a lower socioeconomic background in which their parents have not enrolled in or attended college.

“Districts that adopt AVID have as their goal not only graduation from high school, but to also continue students’ trajectory to attain a degree,” commented Sandy Husk, CEO of AVID Center. “We continue to conduct research and follow our AVID graduates, so we can report back to our school district partners that their investment in these students is meaningful not only to them but also to their families.”

The data showed that 60 percent of Latino AVID students who enrolled in a four-year college in the fall term after high school graduated with a bachelor's degree within six years, as compared to 54 percent of Latinos across the nation. While completion rates are lower for black students, those in AVID who enrolled in a four-year college graduated with a degree at a rate of 47 percent, higher than the 40 percent national rate for black students. This data will be officially released today during the AVID National Conference being held in Orlando, Florida, at the Hilton Bonnet Creek Hotel. For additional details and specific questions regarding the report, please contact Dennis Johnston, Ph.D., Chief Research Officer, Senior Director of Research at AVID (djohnston@avid.org).

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ABOUT AVID

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a nonprofit, proven college-readiness system that closes the achievement gap by accelerating *all* students' improvement in academic performance. Today, AVID partners with more than 1,100 school districts and is implemented in approximately 6,400 schools in 47 states across the U.S., plus schools in DoDEA, Canada, and Australia. AVID impacts almost two million students in grades K–12 and those attending two- or four-year colleges and universities. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school's academic culture by increasing the number of students who enroll in postsecondary experiences leading to a college degree and/or successful transition into the workforce. For more information, please visit www.AVID.org and hear what our [educators and students](#) have to say.

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