



Advancement Via Individual Determination

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AVID Seniors Ready for College Success

Annual data show nine out of ten AVID grads complete four-year college requirements

SAN DIEGO – Ninety-three percent of the 2013 AVID seniors who participated in AVID’s annual data collection completed four-year college entrance requirements. The annual data collection conducted by AVID Center late last spring, gathered demographic and academic achievement data from AVID seniors as well as information about their plans for higher education. This year, more than 34,000 seniors participated in the data collection. The largest percentage of students reporting their information were Hispanic/Latino with 57 percent; 15 percent were African American, 15 percent white, 5 percent Asian, 5 percent multi-racial and 2 percent were American Indian, Alaska native, Filipino or Pacific Islander. Over 73 percent of the students indicated they were eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

The AVID College Readiness System prepares students for college-level courses by teaching them the skills needed to succeed in rigorous courses and providing support to ensure their success. Nearly 77 percent of the 2013 AVID seniors reported taking at least one higher-level course, such as AP[®], IB[®] or Cambridge[®], with 66 percent taking the corresponding exam. Consistent with prior years, approximately 90 percent of the seniors planned to attend a college or university after high school with 60 percent planning to attend a four-year institution and 30 percent planning to attend a two-year institution.

As a class, more than 78 percent of the seniors reported being in the AVID Elective class for three or more years. One AVID senior stated, “By staying with my AVID Elective class, I was able to build closer relationships with other AVID students and my AVID teacher, who helped support me on my journey to college.”

“One of the hallmarks of AVID is the consistency of our results,” said AVID Executive Director Jim Nelson. “When implemented with fidelity, AVID works schoolwide to impact all students, improving student success and the culture of an entire school campus. AVID provides opportunities for many students who may have otherwise ended their academic career in high school.”

ABOUT AVID

AVID is a non-profit, proven college readiness system that closes the achievement gap. Today, AVID is implemented in approximately 4,900 schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts more than 700,000 students in grades K–12 and in 41 postsecondary institutions. The AVID College Readiness System transforms a school’s academic culture to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges and succeed in higher education and training.

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