



## Advancement Via Individual Determination

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## AVID Welcomes Nearly 500 New Schools to the AVID Family

SAN DIEGO – This fall, nearly 500 schools in more than 90 districts joined AVID and began implementing the AVID College Readiness System. Almost 200 elementary schools joined approximately 300 secondary schools in implementing AVID to help close the achievement gaps that exist in their schools. AVID *for* Higher Education added more than 10 new colleges/universities to its ranks, implementing either the Student Success Initiative or the Teacher Preparation Initiative, with five of the universities adopting both initiatives.

Despite the economic challenges school districts have faced over the past several years, AVID has seen continued growth in the number of schools and districts implementing the system. More than 90 percent of AVID schools and districts renew their commitment to AVID year after year because of the positive results administrators see. Increased enrollment in rigorous courses, improved attendance, higher completion rates of college entrance requirements, and an improved school culture are all benefits of the system. “The wealth of professional development opportunities, along with the routine use of the AVID curriculum library at each school, has had a major impact on our districtwide culture,” said Betty Bagley, Superintendent of Anderson School District Five.

“At AVID, our focus is constant: prepare students by teaching them the academic and life skills they will need to achieve success in college and a career. We achieve our mission by working with teams of educators to focus on schoolwide transformation” said AVID Center Executive Director, Jim Nelson. “Our research on best practices, brain development, professional learning, and other factors that enhance student learning, drive our curriculum and professional development that keeps educators informed and inspired. This is our area of expertise, and results show that our system works.”

AVID supports its schools through four divisional offices: Eastern, Central, Western and California. AVID Center, headquartered in San Diego, is the hub for research, curriculum, professional development, and system quality.

### 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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