

AVID students reach their potential

Janella Bermudez
Class of 2011



- Class of 2011 Co-Valedictorian
- Gates Millennium Scholar
- Dell Scholar
- Gonzaga University: Four-Year scholarship

“AVID helped me become the outstanding student I am today. I gained confidence in myself and had the support I needed to be successful.”

José Beleche
Class of 2011



- Gates Millennium Scholar
- Dell Scholar
- Whitman College: Four-Year scholarship
- Varsity soccer player

“Not only is AVID like the safety rope that holds you whenever you fall off a rock while rock climbing, but AVID is also like the bungee cord that springs you back once you have fallen.”

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AVID Program

Advancement Via Individual Determination

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Public
Schools

Walla Walla, WA

Decades of College Dreams

Mission

Avid's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

AVID students are more likely to:

- take Advanced Placement classes
- complete their college eligibility requirements
- get into four-year colleges than students who don't take AVID
- possess the higher-level skills they need for college success



Our Core Values
are more than mere words;
they're our business!

Quality | Integrity | Accountability | Respect

Courtesy | Diversity | Innovation

AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination

What is AVID?

AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination, is an elementary through postsecondary college readiness system that is designed to increase schoolwide learning and performance. The AVID system accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional development, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change.

While many folks talk about what should be done to prepare students for college, AVID is doing it and has been doing it for over 30 years. Although AVID serves all students, it focuses on the least served students in the academic middle. The formula is simple - raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support system in place, they will rise to the challenge.

What differentiates AVID from other educational reform programs is its astounding success rate. Since 1990, more than 85,500 AVID students have graduated from high school and planned to attend college. Of the 22,210 AVID 2010 seniors who reported their plans, 91.3% intended to attend a postsecondary institution; 58.3% in four-year institutions and 33.0% in two-year institutions.

How does the AVID program support Walla Walla students?

AVID program supports students by providing them with skills necessary to be successful in college. AVID students are expected to access rigorous curriculum and the elective class is an avenue for students to acquire the skills in communication, critical thinking, note-taking, peer-tutoring, organization, time-management etc. In addition, AVID elective class becomes a family. Students stay together for four years with the same group of peers and the teacher where deep relationships are nurtured.



Learn more about AVID online at:

- www.wwps.org
- www.avid.org

The AVID Student

AVID targets students in the academic middle - B, C, and even D students - who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard.

These are students who are capable of completing rigorous curriculum but are falling short of their potential.

Typically, they will be the first in their families to attend college, and many are from low-income or minority families.

AVID pulls these students out of their unchallenging courses and puts them on the college track: acceleration instead of remediation.

Walla Walla AVID Program

Fact Sheet

What grade levels are served in Walla Walla Public Schools?

- Pioneer Middle School: Grades 7 & 8
- Garrison Middle School: Grade 7 & 8
- Walla Walla High School: Grades 9 - 12

How are AVID strategies helping all students?

AVID strategies are being used mainstream throughout all three schools. Walla Walla Public Schools is committed to making AVID "for all" through a schoolwide approach. Many teachers are trained and are implementing AVID strategies in their classrooms. They use student planners, organizational binders and Cornell Notes to support the AVID program.

How many years has AVID been in Walla Walla Public Schools?

- Pioneer Middle School: Year two
- Garrison Middle School: Year two
- Walla Walla High School: Year four

What schools in Walla Walla feature AVID programs?

- Garrison Middle School (one elective class offered in 2010-11 & 2011-12)
- Pioneer Middle School (one elective class offered in 2010-11 / two elective classes in 2011-12)
- Walla Walla High School: One elective class at each grade level in 2010-11. In 2011-12 there will be two sections of elective classes at Walla Walla High School at the 9th grade level.

How many students at each school are participating in AVID?

- Garrison Middle School: 25 in 2010-2011/ 27 in 2011-12
- Pioneer Middle School: 25 in 2010-2011 (50 students for 2011-2012)
- Walla Walla High School: Currently 100 students. Next year - 125 students.

Who are the AVID teachers in our district?

- Pioneer Middle School: Cheryl Herr (7th grade) and Kim Lawbaugh (8th grade)
- Garrison Middle School: Conor Fish (7th and 8th grade)
- Walla Walla High School: Sherry McConn, Mike Gobel, Mary Matau, Carina Stillman, Vivian Glaeser

How many AVID seniors plan to attend college? Of the 15 seniors in the Class of 2011 who participated in AVID throughout their high school years, all have received acceptance letters and 100% plan to attend college.



The AVID project is a collaborative effort between Washington State University GEAR UP, Walla Walla Public Schools, and our community.