

AVID 12

Course Syllabus ~ 2012/2013

Welcome!

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID 12 students plan to attend a four-year university upon high school graduation and this course is designed to provide both academic support and assistance in the college application process. AVID students commit to maintaining college-worthy grades in all academic classes, successful completion of all college eligibility requirements, and excellent citizenship & attendance in all courses.



EXPECTATIONS:

Show respect for...



Teachers, peers, and property. Be kind, do not interrupt while others are speaking, use appropriate language. Follow all directions.

Be prepared...



For class. Come to class on time with completed tutorials & assignments. Restroom breaks are for emergencies ONLY.

Be responsible...



For your own assignments and behavior. Plagiarized work will result in a zero. (Note: copying any assignment is unacceptable.)

"Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other."

-- Abraham Lincoln

In the Classroom...

Class work, Homework, Late work, & Make-up work.

- Class work will be given with a focus on the AVID standards, Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization & Reading. Much of the focus of the AVID 12 curriculum centers on college admission applications, essays & financial aid.
- Students will be required to apply to at least 6 universities. The application process will take place both inside and outside of the classroom. Other homework assignments will include other pieces of the college application process such as scholarship applications, letter(s) of recommendation, etc.
- Students in AVID should show responsibility in turning in their work on time. No late work will be accepted.
- Missing AVID is not ideal. Most of the in-class assignments are not replicable. Absent students will be given an alternative make-up work assignment. Make-up assignments need to be

turned in within a week of return. It is YOUR responsibility to get your make-up/homework assignment(s). I will not seek you out to give it to you. The procedure for getting make-up work is as follows:

- ⇒ Make-up work and attached handouts will be available on the website. See the AVID page.
- ⇒ See Mrs. Murphy for clarification on assignments before or after class.

Earning Success...

Grading Policy

Attendance is critical! Much of the work we will do revolves around in-class tutorials, college application assistance, and other group activities. While alternative assignments will be given to absent students, there is no substitute for being in the classroom.

Grades will be given on a percent basis. The breakdown is as follows:

100-90	A
89-80	B
79-70	C
69-60	D
59-0	F

Grades will be further broken down based on the scale below:

Tutorials	15%
In-class Assignments & Participation	30%
Notebook Checks	15%
Admission Requirements	40%

***See website for instructions to check grades.

What You Need...

- 📖 A neatly organized 2"-3" 3-ring binder with 5-6 dividers to separate each class. This will contain all of your coursework for each of your classes. You will need to bring this with you to AVID everyday.
- 📖 All tutorial materials (textbooks, notes, worksheets).
- 📖 Pens, pencils, paper.

What You Don't:

- 📖 Cell phones, iPods & other electronic devices will be allowed for limited use per teacher instruction. Please be aware that inappropriate use of these devices may result in incomplete assignments and may impact your grade.
- 📖 Electronic games, playing cards, and anything not pertaining to class are not allowed.



"In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure."

--Bill Cosby

As an AVID student, you stand for something special! You should be proud of yourself and what you are trying to accomplish. Good behavior is essential for learning and mandatory for remaining in the AVID program. Always remember why you are here and set a good example in all of your classes by following the specific set of rules for each class.

Contact Information

How can I get an **A** in AVID 12?

1. Attendance is important. Come to class every day and on time.
2. Take Cornell Notes in all of your academic classes.
3. Ask tutorial questions on material that you do not understand or is new to you.
4. Keep up with make-up work.
5. Participate! Your learning experience is up to you – make it fabulous by offering your opinion and getting involved in class activities.

✉ Email (Best Contact):
amurphy@cnusd.k12.ca.us

✉ on the phone: (951) 738-2200

✉ on the web: mrsmurphy.webnode.com



I have read and understand the expectations for Mrs. Murphy's AVID 12 class.

Student Name (please print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



*"Education is not
preparation for life;
education is life itself."*

-- John Dewey

Parent/Guardian: Please use the space below to inform me of any concerns or additional info that you would like me to know about your student. You may also use this space to provide your best contact information.

