AP/Honors Courses

AVID challenges all of its students by strongly encouraging them to take Advanced Placement and Honors courses. These class pushes students to work harder and find his or her potential. Every student has the ability to succeed in these courses AVID simply gives them the support to do so.

Quick Tip

GET INVOLVED

AVID places a special emphasis on being involved in curricular and extracurricular activities! Student involvement can open up many opportunities for a scholar!

Reflections

"AVID has helped me become more realistic and responsible about my work."

- Amani M.

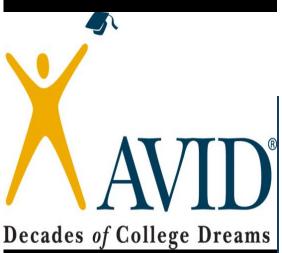
"AVID helps a lot with getting my work done that I probably wouldn't if I wasn't in the program. It also gives me time for sports!"

-Imani D.

"If I'd joined AVID I believe that it would've prepared me socially and mentally for college."

- Tianna D.

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



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History

Advancement Via Individual Determination was started in 1980 by Mary Catherine Swanson. Starting as an academic elective, her incentive was to hold students accountable to the highest standard, give social and academic support and let them rise to the challenge. Today AVID serves over 4,800 elementary and secondary schools in 48 states. The AVID program at James S. Rickards High School started with one class and 25 students and began in the fall of 2008. As of now, we have 5 classes and serve over 100 students. We are also proud to have gained national certification in 2010.

Advantages

Time Management

Time management is an essential skill needed to be successful in life and also school

Organizational Skills

The benefits of your AVID binder and assignment logs keeps students neat and prepared

ACT/SAT Prep

AVID is all about getting you ready for the next level of higher education

Academic Support

Tutors are here to help daily, ranging from all class subjects

Positive Atmosphere

We look at each other as more than just an excelling organization but also a support system to achieve your goals.

College Tours

Our AVID 4 (Senior class) students have been accepted into many universities and colleges or military branches. Some are attending FAMU, West Florida, Union College, Florida Atlantic, TCC, FSU, FAU, and Gulf Coast University, and the Army to name a few!

College Visits have included but not limited to:

- University of Florida
- University of West Florida
- Florida State University/Florida A&M
- University of Central Florida

Quick Tips

Apply for your college early your senior year, thousands of others are trying to get in too. First Come First Served!