

Godinez Fundamental High School

AVID

(Advancement Via Individual Determination) 2023-2024 Course Syllabus

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Course Objective:

The AVID program is aimed at directing students to a college-bound path. This will be done by holding tutorials, teaching organizational skills, and developing the learning process with critical thinking skills. We will also be visiting colleges and doing community service and team building exercises to help the students set future goals that they can achieve.

Tutorials:

Twice a week the students will be expected to bring specific questions from their other classes and work together in groups to solve them. Ideally, there will also be two or three tutors in addition to the instructor to guide them through the process. Tutors will not be handing out answers, but helping the students find the answers themselves.

Organizational Skills:

Students will be expected to keep a binder or folder with all the notes and materials from their other classes. They will be taught how to organize the binder or folder and it will be checked every Friday. Within the binder or folder, they will also be taking notes, which will organize their review material and their learning.

Students will also be expected to maintain a daily agenda. This will be checked as part of their weekly binder checks, for daily entries on assignments for each class as well as a schedule of extracurricular activities.

Critical Thinking Skills:

Students will be engaged in activities designed to develop the learning process. These activities include goal setting, writing assignments, Socratic Seminars, group problem solving and in class projects.

Grading Policy:

Binders	30%
Tutorials/Grade Checks/ Participation	40%
Monday Motivators & AVID Practices	30%

Student Contract:

Is it also required that each student and parent sign a contract committing to the AVID program? Students that do not maintain the terms of the contract will be placed on probation in the AVID program and parents will be contacted to schedule a conference.