Amador County Unified School District
Advancement Via Individual Determination

2020-2021 Update
Presented to the Board of Trustees
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AVID’s mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.
Essential Questions:

- How are we as district, site, and teacher leaders using AVID tools, strategies and resources to prepare all students for college readiness and success in a global society?
- How can we continue to support the refinement of the AVID Elective and promote and support the implementation of AVID strategies schoolwide for years to come?
At the district level

● Embarked on our 4th year of implementation
● New AVID district director for 2020-21 school year
● AVID sites are being “held harmless” for certification purposes for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years
● Supporting sites by
  ○ Committing to ongoing funding for FTEs and professional development
  ○ Facilitating site coordinator meetings and responding to site needs
  ○ Staying connected to AVID Center to ensure that we are getting everything we can from our membership
At Ione Junior High

- 105 AVID students- 4 AVID elective classes
- All 6th graders attend AVID Lite learning academic strategies and skills
- Virtual Study Buddy Groups and tutorials
- Online Socratic Seminars
- WICOR strategies and lessons used in ALL classes to strengthen EVERY student’s learning.
- Community Service from a distance- Holiday cards to convalescent homes and thank you letters to firefighters on 9/11
- College going atmosphere in all classrooms with banners, pennants, WICOR posters, and A-G requirements.
Stanislaus State College Tour last year

AVID students made a virtual Thank You video for teachers during the pandemic

First AVID spirit Days and College Door Contest

You Have Made a Difference....... Thank you to our wonderful teachers.

Positive Mindset DL learning with lots of smiles
At Jackson Junior High

- In the AVID Elective:
  - We now have 4 AVID Elective classes
  - As always, the elective focuses on teaching 21st century skills in the areas of writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading. (WICOR)
  - Using the unique opportunity afforded by the hybrid schedule to do more research/ inquiry based learning projects: GRIT and growth mindset, career research, college research.
At Jackson Junior High

-Outside the AVID Elective:

- Continuing to collect evidence of AVID strategies being used schoolwide across content areas.
- Instructional focus for the year is on using technology as a tool for collaboration.
At Amador High School

- 2 AVID classes on campus (Sophomore and Freshman)
- Multiple teachers trained in AVID strategies
- Attended Digital XP Training Conference
- College banners around campus and classrooms
- College fight songs playing on campus as 5 minute bell
- Field trip to Sac City College and Cal Berkeley (attended basketball game)
- WICOR strategies are being used in all classrooms
- Senior college choices are posted in the office after acceptance
- The pandemic has slowed the AVID spread but its still on the rise
Argonaut High ~ Mrs. Varni: Elective Teacher and AVID Coordinator

- 20 Students enrolled in AVID-9 this year; 16 Students enrolled in AVID-10 this year
- Majority of staff trained in AVID strategies & planning for future conferences
- Instructional Focus at our site is **Writing** in all content areas
- Students turn in weekly **Learning Logs** to reflect on their cross-curricular learning
- Students complete a **Digital Binder** every month which includes a Grade Check, Evidence of Planning & Learning Space, Focused Notes, and Reflection
- Students engage in **Virtual Tutorials** via Breakout Rooms & interactive Google Slides every few weeks and act as peer tutors; two upperclassmen join the AVID-10 session to help facilitate the Tutorial and earn community service hours
- Students participate in “Fun Fridays” or “Thrilling Thursdays” for stress-reduction and **social-emotional support** during this unprecedented time
AVID in Action!

College Field Trips (Cal & Sac City) in Spring 2020

Principal Gassaway College Inspiration

Evidence of Focused Notes in Digital Binder Check

Presentation On Top College Hybrid Style

Virtual Philosophical Chairs

Central Topic

Agree

Disagree
“AVID has prepared me for college by exposing me to what I want to do in my life and what I want to do with it. AVID has exposed me to Costa’s level of thinking, TRF’s, A-G requirements, and a lot more. Before AVID, I didn’t know what those helpful strategies were and had no clue how much it would impact my schoolwork.” -Angelica Gomez

“So far AVID really got me thinking on where I want to go and what job I want when I’m older.” -Madison Shaw

“This is my third year in this program and every year, I am learning new skills that I can use to be successful in my education.” -Ashley Rouen
Next Steps/ Reflection

Expand

- Get AVID strategies into more classrooms by continuing to train teachers in WICOR
- Add 11th grade AVID and explore AVID elementary

Refine

- Ensure recruitment of students that will most benefit from the AVID elective into the program
- Plan and promote family nights to demonstrate how college is attainable regardless of income, immigration status, etc.
- Recruit more high school students to the AVID elective
- Recruit tutors for our AVID elective
- Plan field trips, including one to southern California for college visits
Thank you.

Questions?