



# The 11 Essentials

AVID Center has identified 11 characteristics of AVID Secondary implementation essential for maximum impact on student success. These 11 AVID Essentials are:

1. Focus on students in the middle, with academic potential, who would benefit from AVID support.
2. Students and staff must choose to participate.
3. School must be committed to full implementation requirements of AVID.
4. A rigorous course of study that will enable students to meet requirements for university enrollment.
5. Commitment to AVID Elective class, which teaches instructional strategies to develop organizational skills that promote academic self-management.
6. A strong, relevant writing and reading curriculum, which provides a basis for instruction in the AVID Elective class.
7. Inquiry and collaboration are also used as a basis for instruction in the AVID Elective class and to promote critical thinking.
8. Sufficient and trained AVID tutors from colleges and universities skilled in effective student and rigorous coursework facilitation.
9. Implementation and student progress monitored through the AVID Center Data System, and results analyzed.
10. The school or district has identified resources for program costs, has agreed to implement all AVID Essentials and to participate in AVID Certification. It has committed to ongoing participation in AVID professional learning.
11. An active, interdisciplinary AVID site team collaborates on issues of student access to and success in rigorous college preparatory courses.

The 11 Essentials drive everything that happens in a building related to AVID. At the beginning of each school year, the AVID Site Team uses an Independent Self-Study to determine how well a building is implementing the Essentials. The District Director has access to that study and is able provide the necessary tools support to each building. At the end of the school year, each school is responsible to complete the Certification Self-Study and provide evidence to the District Director for where they have met standard on each Essential. The District Director then works with the state program manager to determine which schools should be deemed Certified AVID Sites.

[Research behind the 11 Essentials](#)