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The Force is Strong with **AVID**

Welcome to Avid 6

Course Description

Welcome to Avid 6! My name is Mrs. Henry and I am excited to be your AVID elective teacher this year. Our goal for the year is to give you tools that you can use throughout your education career as we become an AVID family. I already know you are a determined and hardworking student because you picked AVID as an elective. The acronym AVID stands for **Advancement Via Individual Determination**. This course is a college preparatory course, and designed to help you succeed in rigorous courses throughout middle and high school. This year we will learn how to take better notes, study efficiently, incorporate new reading and writing strategies, become better organized and overall become more confident and proactive as students. Along with all of this, we will also have a lot of fun! We have planned fun activities for class, field trips, and family fun nights. I know we will become a supportive family that helps each other succeed! I am looking forward to a fun and rewarding learning experience together.

What to expect in AVID:

- Binder Checks
- Tutorials
- Field Trips to Knott's and Disneyland
- University Visits
- Family Fun Nights
- Introduction to WICOR strategies (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading)
- Leadership opportunities

Now that you have been selected to participate in the AVID elective program, you will be viewed as a role model, an exceptional student, and a leader to all your peers! We know you are ready for this responsibility because after all, you **ARE** an AVID student!

Sample Week in AVID

Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday
WICOR	TUTORIALS	WICOR	TUTORIALS	FAMILY FUN DAYS
Writing	TRF due	Writing	TRF due	Team Building Games
Inquiry		Inquiry		Guest Speakers
Collaboration		Collaboration		Binder
Organization		Organization		
Reading		Reading		

Class Room Expectations: Growth Mindset



Growth Mindset The Force	Fixed Mindset The Dark Side
Because you are eager to learn you are happy to have a go and...	Because you are afraid of looking silly and getting things wrong you...
Embrace challenges	Avoid challenges
Keep going even when it's hard	Give up easily when it's hard
See effort as the journey to success	See effort as a waste of your time
Learn from criticism	Ignore useful feedback
Are inspired by the success of others	Feel threatened by other people's success

Supplies you will need for AVID

- ♦ One 2-3 inch binder to use for all your classes (3 ring—no according type)
- ♦ Binder dividers for each class
- ♦ Writing Utensils—Pencils (Lots), Pens—Blue, black, and red, Highlighters, erasers, dry erase marker
- ♦ Pencil Pouch to put all supplies in
- ♦ Glue stick and ruler

Supplies required to complete any assignment will always be available to take home! I also have extra binders and tabs available if you need them. All you have to do is ask!

AVID Contract

IF a student does not uphold the required GPA and behavior traits outlined in the AVID contract, a parent–teacher conference will be held to discuss a probation contract. The probation contract will set forth specific goals for the student to meet within a specific time frame. If goals are not met by date agreed upon by parent, student and teacher, student will be removed from the AVID program

Helpful Technology:

- ◇ Remind App—Sign up for our class
- ◇ Office 365,
- ◇ Google Docs
- ◇ Jupiter grades
- ◇ Edmodo
- ◇ Dictionary.com, Vocabulary.com, Edpuzzle.com

The word “AVID” is an adjective that means to show great enthusiasm for or interest in. Some synonyms for the word are: **enthusiastic, ardent, keen, devoted, dedicated, zealous.**

Do these words describe you as an AVID student? I think they do...Welcome to AVID!

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Classroom Policies, Procedures, & Grading

Entering Class: Gather any necessary materials, quickly find your seat, and begin working on the warm-up /activity posted on the board.

Bathroom Usage: It is best that you use the bathroom during passing times, at break, and at lunch. If an emergency arises you may use a bathroom coupon to use the restroom during class. Unused bathroom coupons will be worth extra credit points at the end of the semester.

Absences: If you are absent, it is your responsibility to make up missed assignments. See the “Absent Work Files” for missed work.

Late Work: Late work is not accepted unless you have an excused absence.

Food & Electronic Devices: Food and drink are not permitted for sanitary reasons. Electronics should not be seen or heard in the classroom.

Exiting Class: In the last five minutes of class, you will wrap up what you are working on, return materials to appropriate locations, and we will summarize our learning for the day. The teacher, not the bell, dismisses you upon completion of these tasks.

Grade Break Down:

Students will be graded on the following in Avid:

- 1) Binder Checks/Agendas
- 2) Tutorial Request Forms (TRFs)/Participation in Tutorials
- 3) Assignments (In class **AND** after school activities, and home assignments)
- 4) Participation and Listening Behavior Points

You can check your student’s grades on www.jupitergrades.com

Positive Learning Environment

Meeting classroom expectations and behaving appropriately in class helps to create a learning environment where you and your classmates feel welcome, safe, and respected.

If you choose to meet the classroom expectations, you will receive a **positive consequence** of earning class listening and participation points. These points are part of your grade and cannot be made up. (If you are absent (excused) they do not count against you as long as you make up the work). Other positive consequences would be words of praise, privileges in the classroom, TRF passes, positive notes and phone calls home, Friday games, and other fun class activities

If you choose not to meet the classroom expectations and distract others from learning, you will be jeopardizing your own grade. Distractions and interruptions in class will cause you to lose your classroom participation and listening points. These points cannot be made up! If you choose not to follow the rules you will receive a **negative consequence**, such as a verbal warning, a change of seat, a student/teacher conference, a phone call home, a detention, and/or parent/guardian meeting.



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