Middle School Course Description for **AVID** (**Advancement Via Individual Determination**)

Course Title: AVID Curricular Area: elective

Course Number: tbd Length: One year

Grade Level: 7 and 8 **Recommended Prerequisites**:

• Between 2.0-3.0 GPA

• Average or above-average standardized test scores, especially in Math

• Enrollment in Pre-Algebra or higher

• Student interview

• High student motivation

Parent contract

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students will develop and reinforce attitudes skills, and knowledge to successfully enter and complete a college prep academic program in high school. Students will learn and apply study skills and learning strategies to improve performance in the content areas: Note taking, outlining, writing, speaking, reading, test strategies and the use of technology to improve performance will be stressed.

Instructional Materials

Required Textbook(s)

N/A

Supplemental Materials

- 1. AVID Implementation Guide
- 2. Tutorial Support Curriculum Resource Guide
- 3. Critical Reading: Deep Reading Strategies for Expository Texts Guide
- 4. Write Path Curriculum Guides for Math, Science, Language Arts, and History
- 5. Middle Level Writing Guide
- 6. Strategies for Success Guide
- 7. College and Careers Guide
- 8. AVID Schoolwide Guide
- 9. AVID Curriculum Resource CDs

Web Sites

1. www.avidonline.org

COURSE CONTENT:

- Essay writing
- Note-taking (Cornell Notes)
- Study skills (WICR: Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Reading)
- Test-taking skills
- Vocabulary development (SAT)
- Listening skills
- Oral presentation skills
- Goal setting

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- Exploration of colleges
- Group interaction

Typical Activities:

A variety of instructional activities will be incorporated, including but not limited to:

- cooperative group activities
- student projects
- student presentations
- reading and writing for understanding
- listening and speaking activities
- individual research
- integration of supplemental readings
- interactive technology (laser discs, computer software)
- multimedia presentations (videos, CDs, music)

Exit Criteria

- 2.1 develop and enhance academic survival skills in college-prep courses
- 2.2 participate in motivational and self- esteem building activities
- 2.3 enhance writing skills
- 2.4 demonstrate adequate note-taking skills and a knowledge of the several types of lectures
- 2.5 demonstrate adequate test taking skills
- 2.6 demonstrate adequate vocabulary development primarily through the use of the SAT vocabulary list
- 2.7 demonstrate a working knowledge of the general areas of study skills (learning theory, test taking, time management, reading, reviewing, note along listening etc.)
- 2.8 be exposed to the college environment through field trips, guest speakers college tutors alumni teacher's personal experiences, and use of technology to access college web pages on the Internet and virtually explore college life
- 2.9 demonstrate adequate oral ability in front of a group through various report/demonstration activities AVID
- 2.10 demonstrate active listening skills by modeling appropriate responses, positive evaluations, note-taking products, and appropriate participation in classroom discussions
- 2.11 successfully work in collaborative groups

Grading Criteria

Grades for AVID will be cumulative over the two quarters. A progress report will be provided at weeks 9-10 and grades will continue to be computed until the semester end. At semester end, percentages for grades will be computed as follows:

<u>Activities</u>		Percentage
Classwork		25%
Binder Checks		
Tutorials		25%
Other		25%
	Total	100%

Colton Joint Unified School District Course of Study

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SEMESTER ONE:7TH GRADE

	First Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content	
1-3	 AVID Overview – introduction to AVID Mission; team building; arrange class materials. Gain knowledge of Cornell notes, the AVID tutorial process, learning logs, the AVID binder and working in collaboration to grow academically. Learn about the tutorial process and using inquiry as well as organizing a student binder and preparing for a guest speaker. 	Introduce AVID and its mission Introduce/Review AVID Binder AVID Agreement Introduce/Review Cornell Notes Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing AVID Student-Parent Contract Introduce/Review Tutorial Process Understanding the Tutorial Process Tutorial Request Form Introduce/Review Learning Logs Introduce/Review Inquiry WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
4-6	 Gain understanding of how we learn as individuals and how we can cope with things that bother us. Learning to manage time effectively and reviewing/improving inquiry and test taking. Understanding time management and improving on test taking skills. 	Introduction to Learning Styles Time Management Inquiry Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Various Writing Units Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
7-9	 Improving on test taking skills and focusing on goal setting. Building on goal setting and understanding the process of philosophical chairs. Continuing to build on complex goal setting and participating in the first college 	Goal-setting Introduce Philosophical Chairs Shortcuts in Cornell Note-taking College Field Trip or College Research WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing	

field trip.	Various Writing Units
	Test-taking Strategies
	Various Writing Units
	Cornell Note-taking
	AVID Binder Organization
	Tutorials
	Tutorial Reflection
	Classroom Interactions
	Guest Speakers
	Team Building

	Second Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content	
1-3	 Continue goal setting and increase paragraph writing and oral language skills. Continue goal setting and begin major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Continue goal setting and continue major writing unit: Writing to Inform. 	Debrief Field Trip or College Research Continue goal-setting Tutorial Reflection Paragraph Writing Oral Language Writing Process: Writing to Inform Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
4-6	 Complete goal setting unit and continue major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Supporting positive class interactions. Continue major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Introduce students to Socratic Seminar. Continue major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Review and enhance inquiry and goals. 	Goal-setting Writing to Inform Introduction to Socratic Seminar Enhancing Inquiry Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	

7-9	 Edit, publish and produce speeches over major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Finish speeches over major writing unit: Writing to Inform. Review test-taking and bring in a guest speaker. Attaching value, monetary and life style, to both high school and college education. 	Writing to Inform Oral Language The Value of Education/College Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
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SEMESTER TWO

	Third Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content	
1-3	 Review major aspects of AVID: Binder, goal-setting, AVID agreement, learning styles and Philosophical Chairs. Calculating grade point average and improving inquiry. Improving summary writing skills 	Goal-setting Tutorial Expectations Review AVID Agreement/Contract Learning Styles Revisited Philosophical Chairs Expanding Inquiry Summary Writing Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
4-6	 Improving writing skills and planning for a college-preparatory high school path. Improving writing skills through investigating prompt writing. Evaluating and improving public speaking skills both individually and as a team. 	Identifying Better Word Choices Review Six-Year Plan Prompt Writing Public Speaking Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking	

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		AVID Binder Organization
		Tutorials
		Tutorial Reflection
		Classroom Interactions
		Guest Speakers
	<u> </u>	Team Building
		Public Speaking
		College Field Trip or Career Awareness
	 Evaluating and improving public speaking skills both individually and as a team. Evaluating and improving public speaking 	Test-taking Strategies
		WICR
skills i		Focused Note-taking
		Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing
		Cornell Note-taking
1-9	skills both individually and as a team.	AVID Binder Organization
Presenting speeches to an audience and learning about college through	~ ·	Tutorials
	Tutorial Reflection	
	experiences.	Classroom Interactions
		Guest Speakers
		Team Building

Fourth Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content
1-3	 Continue preparing students for test taking, especially standardized tests, and introducing students to the entire world of career opportunities. Improving writing skills, reflecting on learning and gaining career awareness. Learning how to annotate a text and participating in a Socratic seminar for higher understanding. 	Writing Higher-level Questions Introduction to College Research Improving Sentence Writing Annotating a Text Socratic Seminar Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
4-6	 Students will learn about different careers and how to act in controversial situations. Reading strategies and improving notetaking skills along with positive student interactions. 	Career Investigation Improving Cornell Note-taking Tutorial Enhancement Reading Strategies Revisit Goals and Goal-setting Revisit GPA

	Reviewing and updating goals and GPA and reflecting over successes in learning.	WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection
		Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
7-9	 Improving classroom interactions, reflecting on learning and planning for the future. Creating plans for the future and sharing academic successes. Students create a formal portfolio to capture their work for the year and share their successes. 	Planning Your Future Creating Portfolios Test-taking Strategies WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building

SEMESTER ONE: 8TH GRADE

	First Qua	rter
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content
1-3	 AVID Overview – introduction to AVID Mission; team building; arrange class materials. Arrange class materials in binder Continue "writing to learn" with Cornell Notes and Learning Logs Continue to learn about the AVID tutorial process. Introduce inquiry, tutorial expectations, guest speakers Tutorial Process 	Introduce/Review AVID Mission AVID Agreement/Student Contract Introduce/Review Cornell Note-taking Introduce/Review Learning Logs Introduce/Review AVID Binder Requirements Agendas and Calendaring Costa's Levels of Questioning WICR Focused Note-taking Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Learning Logs Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization 10 Steps of the AVID Tutorial Process Tutorial Expectations Inquiry Process Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
4-6	 Costa's Levels of Questioning Team building Self-awareness Time Management Paragraph writing Binder Checks Tutorials 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Paragraph Writing Learning Logs Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorial Request Forms Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Writing Questions Using the Inquiry Process Time Management Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
7-9	 Understanding Clichés Teambuilding Showing Writing Goal-setting Structured Discussion 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Expanding Word Choice

• <i>B</i>	Binder Checks	Paragraph Writing
• 7	Tutorials	Showing Writing: Telling Sentences
		Expository Writing: Favorite Person
		Learning Logs
		Philosophical Chairs
		Socratic Seminar
		Test-taking Strategies
		AVID Binder Organization
		Tutorials
		Tutorial Reflection
		Classroom Interactions
		Guest Speakers
		Team Building

	Second Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content	
1-3	 Active/passive voice Structured Discussion Summary Writing Goal-setting Understanding Context Clues Tutorials Binder Check 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Using Context Clues Summarizing Learning Logs Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Philosophical Chairs Socratic Seminar Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
4-6	 Reading Purposes Structured Discussion Dialectical Journals One-Pagers Career Exploration Colleges and Careers Tutorials Binder Checks 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Summarizing Learning Logs Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Philosophical Chairs Socratic Seminars Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers	

		Team Building Career Planning and Exploration
7-9	 Career Planning Career Presentations Test Preparation Strategies Tutorials Binder Checks 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Public Speaking Guest Speakers Team Building

SEMESTER TWO

Third Quarter			
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content	
1-3	 Six-year Plan Colleges and Careers Understanding and Analyzing Persuasive Writing Structured Discussion Binder Checks Tutorials 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Writing Process Parts of an Essay Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Philosophical Chairs Socratic Seminar Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building	
4-6	 Persuasive Writing Researching a Topic Tutorials Binder Checks 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Writing Process How to Conduct Research for an Essay Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers	

		Team Building
7-9	 Persuasive Writing Revising an Essay Drawing Inferences Determining Main Ideas Tutorials Binder Checks 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Writing Process Editing/Revising an Essay Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building

Fourth Quarter		
Weeks	Standards/Objectives	Concepts/Content
1-3	 Understanding Advertisements Public Speaking Oral Language Binder Checks Tutorials 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Writing Poetry: focus on Voice Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
4-6	 Public Speaking Oral Language Reading Strategies Story Impressions Structured Discussions Goal-setting Tutorials Binder Checks 	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Speech Presentations Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Socratic Seminars Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
7-9	Preparing for High School College Current Events Council Approved: xxx	WICR Critical Thinking, Reading, Writing

 Colleges and Careers Structured Discussions Tutorials Binder Checks 	Cornell Note-taking Focused Note-taking Research Transitioning to High School Philosophical Chairs Socratic Seminars Test-taking Strategies AVID Binder Organization Tutorials Tutorial Reflection Classroom Interactions Guest Speakers Team Building
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Instructional Guide for Middle School AVID

Learning Experiences and Instruction:

Teachers utilize the Direct Interactive Instruction model to introduce new skills and concepts that are essential to the grade level content standards, then reinforce and develop those skills each quarter with the goal of bringing students to mastery by the end of the fourth quarter. All instruction will be based on the "I do, We do, You do" scaffolding model with an emphasis on individual differentiation as needed. Teachers will use a variety of the following:

- Inquiry-based learning
- Engaged reading opportunities
- Think-pair-share
- Reciprocal teaching
- Cloze reading & writing
- Guided reading & writing
- Cognitive modeling
- Questioning strategies
- Graphic organizers/concept attainment
- Student-led groups
- Peer pairing
- Metacognitive learning: selfregulation, goalsetting, selfmonitoring, and selfquestioning

Support for English Language Learners:

Extra time or modified versions of assignments will be given. The District will provide a language assistant. Additional strategies will be developed through the Response to Intervention plans –such as:

- SDAIE strategies
- Texts/materials in first language.
- Flexible grouping
- Structured engagement
- Peer pairing
- Academic vocabulary development
- Realia

Support for Special Education Students:

Extra time or modified versions of assignments will be given. The District will provide an instructional assistant. Additional strategies will be developed through the Individual Education Plan process – such as:

- Realia
- Texts/materials in first language
- SDAIE strategies
- Flexible grouping
- Peer pairing
- Audio & visual aids
- Individualized academic instruction
- Modified assignments
- Modified texts
- Testing accommodations
- Tutoring (peer & teacher)

Stretching the Lesson for GATE Students:

Differentiated curriculum will be provided to challenge the student and provide the student with opportunities to develop their identified talent. Teachers will use a variety of the following:

- Independent study supplemented with mentoring/tutoring
- Compacting
- Acceleration
- Depth & Complexity icons
- Modified texts
- Modified assignments
- Flexible grouping
- Inquiry-based Learning
- Enriched materials and learning experiences

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