

2023-2024 AVID Syllabus

Victoria East High School

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Classroom Tutorials (A154):

Tuesday 2:45-3:15

Wednesday 2:45-3:15

Titan Time Tutorials (Library):

Monday: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Instructional Goals

AVID - Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID is an academic elective course that prepares students for college readiness & success, and it is scheduled during the regular school day as a year-long course. Each week, students receive instruction utilizing a rigorous college preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, strengthen metacognitive development, analytical reading and writing, communication skills, and academic success skills.

In AVID, students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading to support their academic growth. Students will increase awareness of their personal contributions to their learning, as well as their involvement in their school and community. Students will prepare for and participate in college entrance and placement exams, while refining study skills and test-taking, note-taking, and research techniques.

The AVID Elective twelfth-grade course has an academic focus on college-bound activities, methodologies and tasks that should be achieved during the senior year that support students as they apply to four-year universities and confirm their postsecondary plans.

What we will be doing this year?

- Character Development
- Writing
- Inquiry
- Collaboration
- Organization
- Reading
- College Preparedness

Grade Scale

- 50 percent of your grade will come from TRFs, Calendar, Focused Notes and Bellwork.
- 50 percent will come from other assignments, group projects and participation.

Calendars are graded every week

Focused Notes are graded every week

TRFs are graded twice a week.

Late Work

The student will have the opportunity to submit work up to three days after the due date with a penalty of 10 points per day.

Failed Assignments or Tests

The student must redo an assignment or retake a test within five school days of receiving the failing grade. The student will be allowed to redo an assignment or retake a test for which they received a failing grade in order to receive a maximum grade of 70 points. The teacher will record the higher of the two grades; maximum of a 70.

Classroom Expectations

See **AVID Student Agreement** – Each student & parents need to sign a NEW AVID Student Agreement this year and return to class the first week of school.

Cell Phone Policy

- *Students may use cellphones before and after school, during lunch, and during passing periods.*
- *Students may not use cellphones during classroom instructional time, unless the student is using the cellphone for the specified instructional purpose with teacher permission.*
- *Students may not use earbuds during classroom instructional time.*
- *1st offense – phone/earbuds turned in to teacher until the end of class.*
- *2nd offense – phone/earbuds turned in to teacher until the end of the school day.*
- *3rd offense – phone/earbuds turned in and parent must come pick up.*

Demerit Policy

VEHS Tardy and Demerit Policy will be used. If you are late to class, you MUST have a tardy slip.

AVID Probation

AVID probation paperwork will be used if a student is not meeting AVID standards with academics and/or behavior. You will be notified if this occurs.

Field Trips

AVID Field Trips will be planned during the school year. Students MUST be passing all classes (by given date) to be eligible to attend the field trip.

Titan Ticket - Hallway/Restroom Pass

Student:

- * Must have ID badge at all times with Titan Ticket on back
 - * Will not be allowed to leave class without an ID badge
 - * Will be issued a total of 32 hallway passes each 9 weeks for all 8 classes combined
 - * Will not be allowed to leave class first 10 minutes
 - * Will not be allowed to leave class last 10 minutes
 - * Should utilize passing periods efficiently
 - * Only 3 students per class period will be allowed to go to the restroom.
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Please read the class procedures for AVID, which is attached. Students are to return this sheet with the contact information below and completed by you no later than August 16th, along with the AVID Student Agreement.

If your child has a special need or situation that I should be aware about, please advise me in writing or by email. If you have any questions or concerns about the progress of your son or daughter, please do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is included in the attached handout.

Please sign indicating that you have read the class information sheet for AVID.

Student Name _____ Class Period _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent E-mail _____

Concerns:

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