AVID!

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. It is a college preparatory program that assists and supports students in academic middle (GPA 2.0-3.5) with the potential and desire to go to college and achieve their dreams. This is done by teaching them the tools needed to be successful in rigorous high school and college courses, which include Honors, AP, and Dual Enrollment courses, and their future careers. The AVID program uses WICOR process, which stands for Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading. Through WICOR, AVID helps reinforce and support the following:

* Good organization skills
* Good study skills and habits
* Higher-order thinking and questioning
* Speaking and communication skills
* Writing and essay composition skills
* Short- and long-term goal setting
* SAT and ACT test preparation

All students in the program are enrolled in the AVID Elective class, which can be taken in place of the Career Research and Decision Making course (a graduation requirement) if taken in 9th grade. In addition to the above listing, students participate in weekly tutorial sessions that help support learning in more rigorous courses, college application and resume help, and motivational activities. Motivational activities include guest speakers from colleges and community, going on college visits, and strengthening collaboration with their peers through team building activities. Students can participate in AVID in grades 9-12, which can help with college admissions and attain scholarships to attend the college of their choice.

Requirements for being in the AVID program include\*:

* 2.0-3.5 GPA
* Mid- to high-test scores
* Good attendance record
* Generally good work habits
* Demonstrates appropriate classroom behavior
* Willing to commit to a minimum of two hours of homework each night
* Willing to commit to enrollment in a rigorous preparatory sequence of courses, which includes Honors and AP courses and taking a foreign language

\*Some students may have other qualifications, which may include the first in their family to attend college or have free/reduced lunch.