**What is AVID Elementary and What is AVID Secondary**

AVID Elementary

The AVID elementary program is a school-wide approach that is available to all elementary students in grades and classes designated by the school. The teachers emphasize the teaching of organizational skills, note taking and critical thinking skills. Also college expectations are provided for all students within a school.

AVID Secondary

As students transition into middle school and high school, a cohort of students are selected, via application to participate in the AVID elective class. AVID strategies may be used school-wide, but specific classes are offered to provide academic support to students who are selected for the elective classes.

The AVID elective class is designed to help students in the AVID cohort attain these goals; the class is a challenging, yet supportive environment where students can acquire strategies to help them fulfill their academic potential preparing them for college readiness and success. Writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization and reading (WICOR) form the foundation of the AVID curriculum. This gives students the skills they need to succeed in college-preparatory classes, like Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate.

Students are selected based on a number of qualifications including:

Motivation to achieve

2.0 – 3.5 GPA or “students in the middle”

Academically struggling and highest achieving students are not typically in the AVID elective

\*Fifth grade students who have had an opportunity to participate in AVID elementary may or may not be selected to participate in the AVID elective in secondary schools, based on their need.