



Bartram Trail High School

AVID College Prep Elective Program Overview

Website: <http://www-bths.stjohns.k12.fl.us/avid/>

▽ Course Philosophy

- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a 4-year college preparatory elective program that prepares students for entrance into college upon graduation. The program emphasizes specific skills required for college entrance and college success, i.e., analytical writing, SAT/ACT Prep (free), test taking strategies, note-taking, and research skills. Through their Academic Coach/Teacher, students receive one-on-one guidance from the start of high school through college acceptance! (*This program counts towards 4 of the 8 required Elective Credits needed for graduation.*)

▽ Course Description & Structure

Each year, students build upon a foundational structure that provides support for academic success!

- In the *Student Strategies for Success Level I*, AVID students focus on discovering their interests and thinking about colleges and careers that fit into those interests. Foundational skills include time management, note taking, textbook reading/writing techniques, using a planner/calendar system, and maintaining the AVID binder.
- Through the *Preparing for College Curriculum Level II*, AVID students begin practicing for the SAT/ACT while exploring careers and business entrepreneurship. Foundational skills include the importance of "writing as a tool for learning."
- During the *College and Career Readiness Levels III & IV*, (11th & 12th Grades) AVID students receive formal SAT/ACT Test Prep (free); and also research/apply for scholarships and college/university entrance. Students apply for scholarships and college admissions in the classroom with direct, hands-on assistance.

▽ Who qualifies for AVID?

- Students who are serious about their academic success
- Students who have a minimum 2.0 grade point average (G.P.A.)
- Students who have appropriate classroom behavior and good attendance
- Students who have the motivation/desire to prepare for acceptance into a four-year college or university
- Students who are willing to commit to enrollment in rigorous college preparatory courses

▽ Lessons Taught in the AVID Program (only partial list):

- Writing Research Papers • Public Speaking (including how-to speeches, informational speeches, and persuasive speeches) • Cornell Notes • Philosophical Chairs • Socratic Seminars • Scholarship & Financial Aid Research • Goal Setting • Self Discovery & Reflection • Mission Statements • Character Development • Organizational Skills • Handling Conflict • Time Management • Money Management (Balancing a checkbook and using credit cards responsibly) • Weekly Tutorial Sessions • College Exploration • Career Exploration • The Process of Getting a Job (resumes, preparing for interviews, mock interviews, filling out job applications, thank you letters) • Study Skills • Starting Your Own Business • Writing a Business Plan • Community Service • Decreasing Test Anxiety • SAT & ACT Prep (free) • Field Trips/Events • College Tours • Community Service Hours (to assist in qualifying for Bright Futures Scholarships) • College Entrance Essay Writing • College Application Submissions