



Ways to Help Your Student at Home

Questions you can ask the school

- When will your site be having a college financial aid workshop?
- Do you have any information about financial literacy?
- Who is my student's counselor?
- Has my student completed their 4/6 year plan? (Shows path to be college and career ready)
- Is my student utilizing Xello? (district purchased college and career planning website)
- How can I get my student into AVID?

****There is no test to get into the AVID Elective****

The following information is from *AVID Family Workshops Grades 6-12 - Strategies for Success - AVID Press 2007*

Showing Interest in His/Her Progress

- Talk to your student about school.
- Beware of your students' classes and his/her performance in each. Praise your students' strength, and help him/her find ways to improve in areas of weakness.
- Ask to look at your students binder.
- Review your students tutorial request form to see what kinds of questions he/she is asking in class.
- Find out who your students friends are.
- Be enthusiastic and supportive. Your students participation in AVID will keep him/her motivated and excited about reaching the goal or attending a four year college or university.

Encouraging Good Study Habits

- Provide a quiet place free of noise and distractions where your student can study and do his/her homework.
- Show that you care by asking your student what topic (s) he/she is studying in a particular class.
- Be positive and give praise when your students take notes.
- Be an audience for your student - listen as he/she receipts or shares what he/she is reading.
- Ask questions to help your student think more deeply about what he/she is reading.
- Volunteer to help your student prepare for tests by asking questions that he/she has written from lecture or textbook notes.

Helping Him/Her Be a Good Collaborative Worker

- Read and talk about texts with your student to help him/her take notes and clarify information.
- Review Focused Notes with your student to prepare him/her for writing tutorial questions.
- Be aware of tutorial days and check the night before to make sure that your student completed his/her "Tutorial Request Form."
- Remind your student to keep a positive attitude and not be critical of his/her peers when working collaboratively.
- Teach your child to be a role model/leader in the classroom.

Preparing for High School

- Be aware of courses your student needs to take to graduate from middle school and then high school.
- Beware of college entrance exams.
- Encourage your student to become involved in extracurricular activities that interest him/her and to keep track of his/her participation.
- Be aware of how much time your student spends on homework. Provide a quiet, well lighted place for work to be completed.
- Encourage your student to become involved in community service organizations.
- Understand that the AVID teacher/coordinator and counselor (s) are available to answer questions and to provide information about high school and college. Feel free to call upon them as needed.

Prepare for College and Career

- Talk to your student about his/her personal interest and future goals. Listen attentively, ask questions, and offer your own observations/opinions in a supportive way.
- Talk to your student about different careers that match his/her interests. If you know someone of these careers, have your student talk with that person about his/her experiences in the field.
- Talk to your student about the colleges that he/she is interested in attending. If possible, visit them together and discuss the experience.
- Encourage and support your student. Take pride in his/her accomplishments.

