

## What AVID Has Done For Me

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This has been my first year of being in AVID. AVID has been helping me to improve my grades immensely. AVID has not made me more aware as a student, but also more prepared as a person.

This year of being in AVID I was nervous at first, partly because one of my former teacher was the one that recommended me, and the interview to get in was a little intimidating. I was also uneasy about being a part of AVID because of how little I knew about it, so the only thing I knew about it at the time was what the kids that had a bad experience with it told me (which wasn't all that encouraging). As time progressed everyone in my AVID class got to know each other and we soon turned into an AVID family. We help each other out during tutorials and work together on projects. My AVID class gave me exactly what I needed to succeed.

Achieving was never really something I did for myself, it was mostly something that I knew made other people proud of me and that's what kept me motivated. The I-D in AVID stands for INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION which is something that I didn't have before I joined AVID, but it is now something that I am working towards because I have learned that I can't do something for myself now I am going to fail once I get into the "Real World" because I'm not always going to have my mommy there holding my hand and saying, "Do this because it will make me proud." I will have to do it because it will make me succeed.

AVID has helped me go from an A-B and sometimes even C student to a straight A student. One of my goals in the beginning of the year was for my very last report card in seventh grade to have straight A's on it and thanks to AVID I think it will happen. This program doesn't do the work for me though it just mentors me, and leads me in the right direction to success. I have learned that success only comes to those who want it, it can't be forced on someone.

I am glad that my former teacher pushed me to be in AVID, she saw something in me that I didn't see in myself. AVID has not only made me a better student, but it has also made me a better person. AVID has taught me things that I couldn't have learned anywhere else and I would recommend this life changing program to anyone I know.