

**Teacher Contact**

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**Class Description**

AVID is an elective class where students will develop and reinforce attitudes, skills, and knowledge to successfully enter and complete a college prep academic program in high school.

Students are required to enroll in a rigorous course of study, maintain satisfactory grades, and outstanding citizenship while participating in AVID. AVID students will participate in an interactive tutor process to enhance and support them in their rigorous coursework.

AVID will focus on WICOR strategies (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization and Reading) which includes (but is not limited to):

- Cornell Notes - Inquiry - Vocabulary Development
- Cooperative learning - Test Preparation - Binder Checks
- Socratic Seminars - Research papers - Philosophical Chairs

**Weekly Schedule****Mondays:**

Writing Warm up and  
Community Circles +  
Curriculum

**Tuesdays:**

Reading + Curriculum

**Wednesdays:** Tutorials

**Thursdays:**

Writing Warm Up and  
Debate Prep

**Fridays:**

Debates, Guest speakers,  
Team Building, Binder  
checks

**Expectations****AVID Students will be expected to**

- maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher. If grades fall below 2.0, student will be on probation and have extra responsibilities to raise grade
- be in class on time with their academic binders, school planners and school assignments every day
- maintain their academic binders, including assignment sheets, handouts, homework, etc.
- participate in tutorial groups, both to benefit themselves and to help others
- complete all required AVID curriculum
- take notes for all academic classes on a daily basis
- demonstrate positive behavior in all classes and at all school functions

**AVID Students can expect to gain**

- college level academic and study skills
- an understanding of and ability to work within the system of higher education
- involvement in school activities
- motivation to seek a four-year college education
- college and career awareness

**Required Materials**

- 1 Three-ring binder • 1 pack of dividers for Three-ring binder • pens • #2 pencils
- college-ruled notebook paper • pencil pouch • highlighters

**\*Supplies will be provided**

**Field Trips**

Occasional field trips are possible depending on protocol this year.

**Info:**

Regarding our curriculum, Utica Community Schools is committed to all students learning the State of Michigan's curriculum standards. Information about the curriculum used for this course is available at: [AVID.org](http://AVID.org)

**Grades**

*Weekly or Biweekly assignments:* Tutorials, Participation, Debate Prep, Binder Check  
Various classwork, projects, papers will also be a part of your grade.

**Parents and students should check PowerSchool weekly to see missing assignments**

**Late Work and Extra Credit**

- 1-5 days late= 80% credit
- 6+ days late= 60% credit
- No credit given to work from previous grading period
- EC is only given if ALL of your assignments are complete

**Absences**

It is the student's responsibility to get missing work from your class buddy, and turn in within the number of days the student was absent.