AVID
Advancement Via Individual Determination

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Jim Nelson, Executive Director
What is AVID?

- A non-profit, structured **college preparatory system** working directly with schools and districts
- A **direct support** structure for first-generation college goers, K-16, for more than 30 years
- A **schoolwide approach** to curriculum and rigor
- **Professional development** for educators
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How the AVID System Works

- Provides intensive support in class
- Teaches academic skills not targeted in other classes

- **WICOR**
  - Writing
  - Inquiry
  - Collaboration
  - Organization
  - Reading
Why the AVID System Works

- Accelerates under-achieving students in rigorous coursework
- Redefines the teacher’s role as that of student advocate
- Creates a positive peer group
- Develops confidence and hope for personal and academic achievement
What Teacher Inspired You Most?

Think about the teacher who inspired you the most:

- What special qualities did he or she have?
- How has that teacher impacted your entire life?
- What if all of your teachers were like him or her?
- What if every student could have had your teacher?

- How can we ensure more teachers like him or her?
- What tools can we provide them to be better, more inspirational teachers?
- What are the research-based, best practices used by successful teachers across the nation?
The AVID Teacher

No longer “just a teacher”

- Mentor
- Guidance counselor
- Advocate
- Confidant
- Positive adult role model

“AVID revolutionizes the way teachers teach in public school.”
- Scott Pelley, CBS 60 Minutes II
AVID Summer Institutes

- Provide intensive training
- Allow teachers to collaborate with other educators from around the country
- Provide school site teams the opportunity to develop a support network for students

This summer we trained more than 22,000 educators at eight Summer Institutes.
AVID closes the achievement gap


National data represents the most current comprehensive data available
AVID in Texas

AVID in Texas*
- 63,034 students
- 132 school districts
- 856 total schools-149 elementary, 707 secondary**

AVID Students*
- 68.0% Economically Disadvantaged
- 64.2% Hispanic
- 17.5% African American
- 13.6% White

*2011-2012 data, ** Fall 2012
## AVID Results

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The AVID Impact

✓ A shift to a college-going culture for the school
✓ An increase in the number of students enrolled in higher level courses (Pre-AP, AP, IB, Dual Credit)
✓ A change in the demographics of advanced courses
✓ An increase in the number of students receiving commended results on TAKS
AVID *for* Higher Education collaborates with higher education institutions to support students with the goal of increased learning, persistence, completion, and success beyond college.

- Serves 28 colleges & universities; 17 in Texas
- Supports students who enter college under-prepared
- Prepares teacher candidates to support a college-going culture via the *Teacher Preparation Initiative*
In just over 30 years, AVID has become one of the most successful college-preparatory programs for low-income, underserved students, and today reaches more than 600,000 students, K-16, in approximately 4,800 schools in 46 states and 16 other countries/territories.
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