

**AVID's Mission Statement:**

AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all student for college readiness and success in a global society.

**John F. Kennedy Middle School's Mission**

**Statement:** John F. Kennedy Middle School is committed to achieving an educational standard of excellence for all students that will motivate and enable students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens.

"AVID is unique because it is the only program focused on preparing you for college beginning in middle school."  
-Gage, 8th Grade AVID student

"AVID is unique because unlike most classes, it helps you get organized and in the mindset for high school. It breaks down note-taking steps, which you do not learn in other classes."  
-Aimee, 7th Grade AVID student

What is AVID?

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an academic program that focuses on writing as a tool of learning, the inquiry method, collaborative teamwork, and reading, AVID students are enrolled in rigorous curriculum as well as an AVID elective class. The AVID elective class provided academic instruction, tutorial support, organization, college readiness, and motivational activities.



(University of North Florida Field Trip)

# John F. Kennedy Middle

AVID School Program



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(Full Sail University Field Trip)

## AVID Objectives:

To provide academic instruction and support to prepare students for success in rigorous high school courses and beyond. To motivate and equip students to see themselves as successful college-bound students. To develop leadership skills. To learn to demonstrate habits of successful students.



(Friendly competition of Taboo)

*"I believe that the AVID program makes up for what I call the empty zone—a gray area between student and teacher...The beauty of AVID is that it pulls these students from those zones and into success."*

-VICTOR, AVID Secondary Student

AVID parents encourage their students to achieve academically, may participate in site team meetings, and maintain regular contact with the AVID coordinator. AVID parents are involved in their child's academics supports the goals and requirements of the AVID program.



(AVID students Mrs. Dykes (media specialist) in the media center)

## Who Qualifies For AVID? Students who:

- Have both the potential and desire to attend a 4-year college or university
- Display appropriate classroom behavior
- Have a 2.0 GPA or higher
- Have a good attendance record
- Demonstrate excellent work ethic and good behavior
- Are from families historically under served in colleges and universities
- Would like to get support in their present courses and take advanced courses with tutoring in middle school
- Complete an application and interview process
- Will commit to at least one high school credit course in middle school.
- Have FSA scores in mid-range (high level 2 to low level 4)