

## *The Impact of AVID on Colorado Schools*

100% of 2005-2009 AVID students graduated from high school.

Since 2005, at least:

- 72% have taken at least 1 AP/IB course and 71% have taken the exams
- 95% are on track for acceptance to a 4-year college
- 94% meet college entrance requirements
- 89% have applied to college
- 82% have been accepted to colleges
- 70% plan to attend college



**AVID supports the PCHS Mission of :**  
*preserving a caring, innovative, and respectful environment that cultivates a passion for learning and excellence, educates students in 21st century skills, and supports students in becoming contributing citizens.*

For more information on the  
AVID Program, visit:  
[www.avidonline.org](http://www.avidonline.org)

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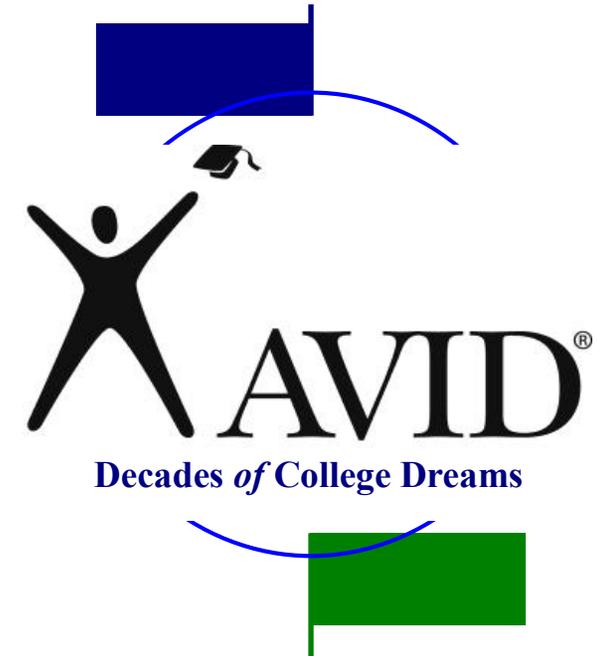
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*Advancement Via  
Individual Determination*

**Pine Creek High School  
Colorado Springs, Colorado**





## ***What is AVID?***

The **AVID** Program (*Advancement Via Individual Determination*) is designed to increase school wide learning and performance. The mission of **AVID** focuses on providing access to four-year colleges for students in the middle, capable of completing a college preparatory path, so that they achieve success in a rigorous curriculum.

With **AVID** as their tool, and PCHS parents and families as their partners, district educators move cohorts of high school students successfully through the state's most demanding courses and into college. **AVID** schools support students through an academic elective class and supports educators through professional development and team planning.

## ***AVID students at PCHS will:***

- attend an AVID elective class
- enroll in one or more honors and/or advanced placement courses
- take an active role in AVID activities that support post-secondary planning, such as tutorials, college visits, etc.

## ***AVID Objectives***

- To provide academic instruction and other support to students and to prepare them for eligibility to four-year colleges and universities
- To give students college level entry skills
- To increase the "coping skills" of program participants
- To motivate program students to seek a college education
- To increase the participants' levels of awareness

## ***AVID Activities***

- Learning with college tutors
- Writing for all classes
- Applying for college
- Preparing for a professional career
- Visiting college campuses
- Interacting with guest speakers
- Participating in extracurricular and community activities

## ***AVID @ PCHS***

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[www.asd20.org/pchs](http://www.asd20.org/pchs) (click on AVID link)

## ***AVID Academic Benefits***

*Students benefit academically from:*

- curricular support
- support class focused on rigor
- structured tutorials
- redefined academic peer group
- emphasis on study skills, organization, goal setting, time management—connected to academics
- accountability

## ***Student Selection***

Students are invited into the AVID Program based on criteria such as application, interview, grades, attendance, behavior, and advanced course enrollment. AVID focuses on mid-performing students, especially those at-risk of underachievement, who are capable of completing the college preparatory path with additional support.

