

**AVID: Advancement via Individual Determination** - All levels of AVID earn the “g” credit on the a-g UC/CSU requirements for college entrance.

### **SDUHSD AVID 12/Senior Seminar Course Description**

**Prerequisite:** AVID I, AVID II, or AVID III minimum 2.5 GPA requirement

**Co-requisite:** Enrollment in at least one honors, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate course, needs to be enrolled in college prep courses, must meet UC/CSU a - g requirements

### **COURSE DESCRIPTION/STRUCTURE**

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. The AVID Senior Seminar follows the weekly structure of all AVID classes, with two days of teacher led curriculum per week, two days of tutorials, and a day allocated for guest speakers, mini-courses taught by college instructors, and visits to colleges. As seniors progress through the year, this additional day is also used for them to work with the AVID teacher and tutors to plan their Socratic Seminar leadership, to select appropriate text materials to be discussed, and to plan their grouping strategies. The AVID teacher serves as conduit to colleges and universities as well as to academic departments on campus. In AVID Senior Seminar, students apply for college, research financial aid and housing, register for entrance and placement exams, and prepare for exams in the spring. AVID tutors (currently enrolled college students) also assist with academic coursework. A major focus of senior year is also preparing to succeed in college, not just get accepted. Students hone the skills necessary to succeed in college by: (1) completing independent research using multiple resources, (2) compiling and analyzing information to identify its implications, (3) working collaboratively to solve challenging intellectual problems, (4) engaging in rigorous discussions, (5) writing clearly, confidently, and persuasively, (6) identifying their own areas of confusion as learners, and (7) using a variety of resources to learn at a deeper level. The focus of AVID Senior Seminar is Leader as a Catalyst for Change. Ultimately, students build their own leadership skills by becoming increasingly independent learners and individuals so they can positively influence the world. The AVID Senior Seminar is divided into four quarters of emphasis, leading to the student’s acceptance at a four-year college or university. Quarter One—Select a Major and Career Emphasis, Gain College Admission, Complete Financial Aid Applications; Quarter Two—Becoming a College Student; Quarter Three—Placement and External Exam Preparation, Scholarship Applications; Quarter Four— Leadership and College Transition (Course Registration, Housing, Evaluation of Financial Aid). Feld trips to college, universities, museums, and plays (when available) are also included in the course.