

Course Title: AVID Elective Grade 12

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Tutorials: Students will participate in tutorials twice weekly during AVID Elective class time beginning in October. Each tutorial is worth 25 points and will be scored by the AVID tutors and the AVID teacher. Tutorial grades will be based on the completion of Tutorial Request Forms as well as participation in the tutorial.

Binder Checks: Students will maintain a highly organized binder with space for materials from all classes. Grades for binder checks will be earned weekly. Binders must include:

1. Weekly Assignment Sheet completed
2. Cornell Notes
3. Learning Logs
4. Weekly Calendars
5. Dividers

Curriculum: The AVID students will participate in a systematic, carefully designed curriculum that builds a foundation of skills to be successful in rigorous high school classes.

- Successful Class Interactions
- Team Building
- Time Management
- Goal-Setting
- Learning Styles
- Costa's Levels of Questioning
- College Admission Essay
- SAT and ACT Prep
- Philosophical Chairs
- Socratic Seminar
- Test-Taking Strategies
- Public Speaking
- Guest Speakers/Field Trip
- Service Learning Group Project

Activities on non-tutorial class days are based on the themes listed above. The activities are intentionally designed to be a combination of independent and group activities, as well as short-term and long-term projects.

Grading Scale:

A : 100-93 B+:89-88 C+: 79-78 D+:69-68 A-: 92-90 B : 87-83 C : 77-73 D : 67-60 B-: 82-80 C-: 72-70 F : 59-0

Assessments which may include exams, quizzes, essays, and/or projects. These assessments will comprise **90% of the final grade**.

If a student earns below a 70% score on an assessment, s/he will have until mid-term to show proficiency on that standard in pursuit of an acceptable score (70% or better). In the second half of the term, the student will have until the end of the term to retake or redo assessments that did not meet the minimum standard.

Daily work, participation, and homework will make up the remaining 10 percent of the final grade.

Attendance Policy: Students are responsible for attending all classes (with the exception of an absence excused by the school) and actively engaging the day's lesson. Student attendance is crucial to his/her demonstration of proficiency in this subject.