



Pioneer Valley High AVID Program



What is AVID?

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

At PVHS, AVID is a voluntary elective course that students take throughout their high school career. They stay with the same teacher and student cohort for all 4 years, building a family dynamic, allowing students to support each other through the challenges of preparing for college readiness. AVID students have a shared goal of earning acceptance and attending a 4-year university right after high school.

While the AVID Elective is not for every student, the AVID strategies are!

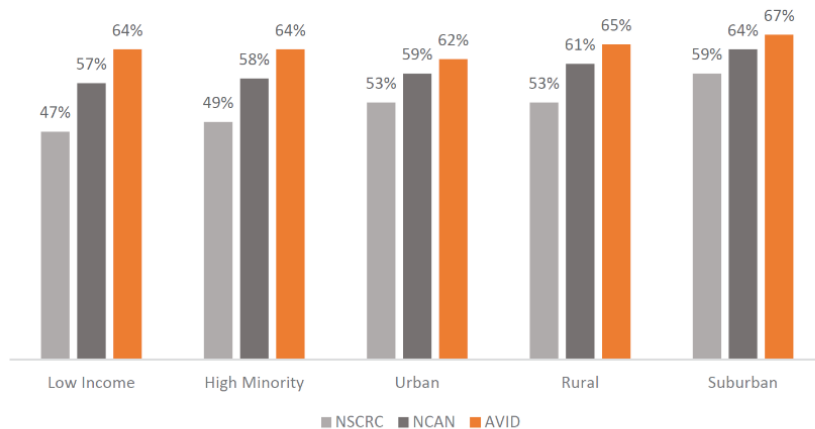
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Proven Results: College Enrollment

AVID programs in every high school environment produce college-ready students at rates that far exceed **national benchmarks**.

First Fall Enrollment by High School Characteristics, Class of 2020

(NCAN and NSCRC figure below has been modified to include AVID data.)



²NCAN and NSCRC data represented in the figure above is from 2021 National College Access and Success Benchmarking Report, titled Closing the College Graduation Gap.

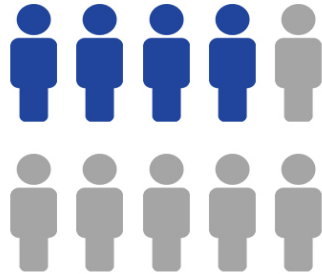
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Proven Results: Degree Completion

First-generation, low-income **AVID alumni** who go to college are **four times more likely** to graduate than their **national peers**.

42%

of first-generation, low-income AVID college students graduate with a four-year degree within six years*



*Source: These data reflect records received from National Student Clearinghouse, 2016-2018; AVID Senior Data Collection, 2010-2012 [Electronic Database]

11%

of peers nationally graduate within the same timeframe**

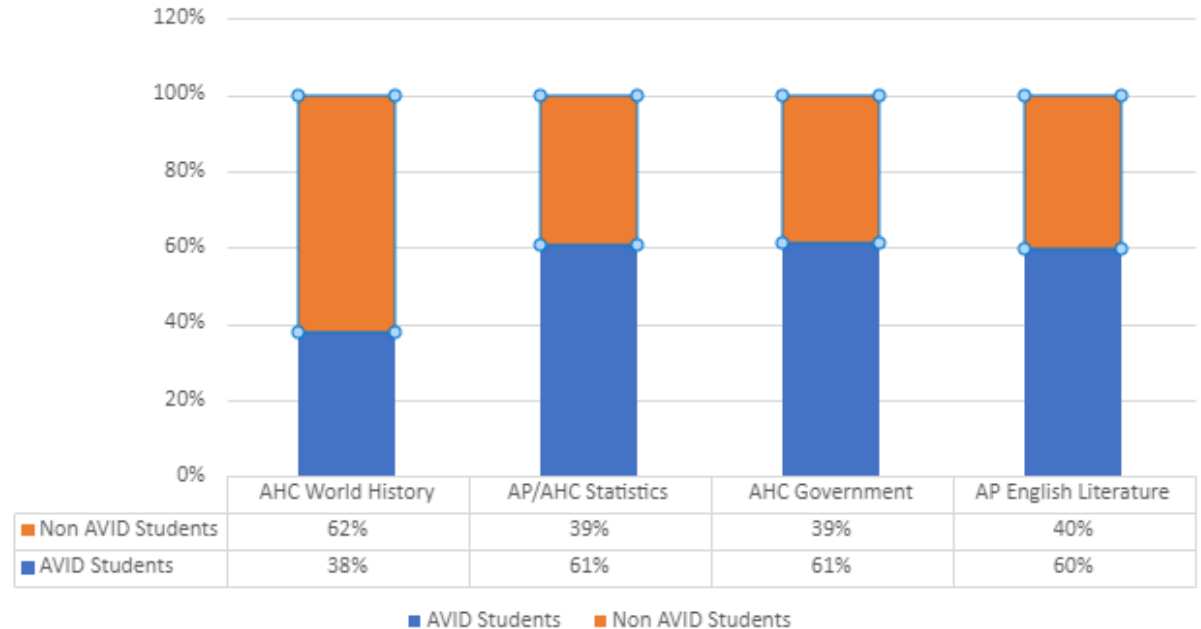


**Source: Engle, J. & Tinto, V. (2008). Moving Beyond Access. Washington, DC: The Pell Institute

PVHS AVID Data - A snapshot

PVHS AVID students represent around 10% of the school population. They have similar demographics and socio-economic status. However, they make up the majority of students in upper level courses junior and senior year.

Example of Student Comparison in AHC Concurrent or AP Courses



Pioneer Valley's AVID Program Breakdown

11 Sections: 3 Freshmen % 2027, 2 Sophomore % 2026, 3 Junior % 2025, and 3 Senior % 2024

Students are on contract and are required to:

- Maintain a 3.0 overall weighted 10-12 academic GPA
- Take the most rigorous courses appropriate to the student (honors, AP, AHC Concurrent)
- Participate in at least 2 sports and/or clubs per year
- Earn 50 hours of community service per year

These requirements are designed to ensure that students build a strong academic and community resume. Many AVID students graduate in the top 10% of their class. We have had multiple AVID alumni serve as the class valedictorian or salutatorian.

AVID Skills Taught - WICOR and More!

Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading, and More!

Accountability: Be on time and an active participant in classes

Self-Advocacy: Know how to ask for support when needed

Professionalism: Interview preparedness, email etiquette, resume building

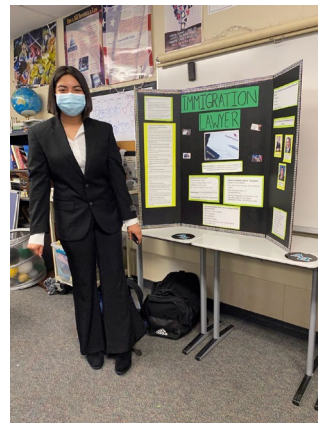
Life Skills: Budgeting, college/career readiness skills, financial aid support

Collaborative Study Groups: Tutorials twice a week with senior tutors

AVID Activities!

- Districtwide Freshmen AVID Leadership Training
- College Signing Day each May
- Guest Speakers - Stop the Bleed Marian Medical Trauma, REACH Program, College Representatives, Former AVID Alumni, Physician's Assistant presentation, and more!
- College field trips - both day trips and overnight trips
- Career Project (9th), College Project (10th), Community Service Project and Scholarship Project (11th)
- Plus, celebrations and All AVID events throughout the year

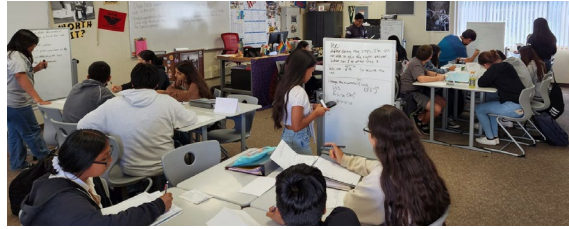
PVHS AVID Activities



College Field



Photos!



Class of 2022 Co Valedictorians



% 2023 AVID Scholars



Life After High School

We have AVID students who have gone onto:

CSU: Cal Poly, Fresno State, CSU Fullerton, San Diego State, Sacramento State, San Jose State

UC: UCLA, UC Davis, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara, UC Merced, UC Santa Cruz

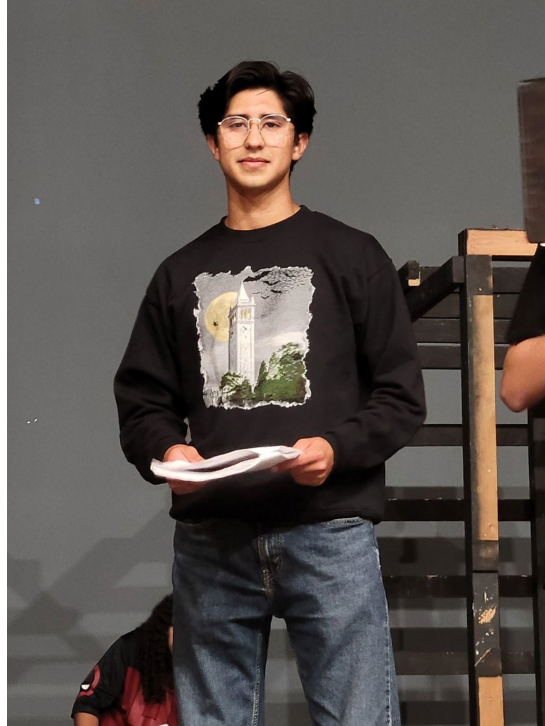
Private Schools: Yale, Stanford, GSU, Mount St. Mary's, NYU

Military Branches: Army, Navy, Air Force

We have even had a student take a gap year to be the CA State FFA President, then he was off to Cal Poly!



Uriel Pena, James Blumenthal and Yismeray Maldonado - Class of 2024



Class of 2011! Marivel Bravo-Mendoza

- PVHS % 2011 AVID Graduate (AVID student since 8th grade) - First in her family to go to a university.
- Attended UC Santa Cruz in the fall of 2011
 - Bachelor's in Sociology combined with Latin American and Latino Studies
- Attended Fresno State on a full ride scholarship and graduated in spring of 2019
 - Master's in Counseling with PPS Credential
 - Wore her 8th grade AVID Pin at graduation
- Works as a counselor at Robert Bruce Elementary



Making Dreams Come True - Testimonials

Gabriel's dream school was UC San Diego from the start. He did his 10th grade college research project on the school.

Because of AVID, he went from struggling to make As in his classes and not believing he could make grades for a rigorous school to getting accepted to UC San Diego, among several other UCs. He graduated from PVHS in 2021.

He's in his junior year there now studying Cognitive Science w/ Machine Learning.



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Gabriel Dominguez March 19, 2021
Application ID: 8111153

Dear Gabriel:

Congratulations! We are pleased to offer you admission for Fall 2021 to the University of California San Diego as a major in Undeclared and in Muir College.

Your selection for the Triton Class of 2025 is an extraordinary accomplishment, given that UC San Diego received more than 118,000 first-year applications! You were chosen because we believe you have the talent, skills, knowledge and passion to be a powerful contributing member of the Triton family. Please accept my personal congratulations on your outstanding



Testimonials - Class of 2020

Jan Daguio and Lauren
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