



LHS AVID

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The end of our first semester is coming to an end, and the teachers, staff, and students of AVID have been working hard at The Rock! We have continued to grow and succeed as a highlighted program of the Antelope Valley Union High School District, and we are striving to develop new and exciting measures in promoting AVID at Littlerock High School.

The AVID freshmen, juniors, and seniors are participating in the AVID Buddy Program. This is designed to pair up new AVID students with veteran AVID students to assist, motivate, and encourage their buddies in key areas, such as academics, social development, leadership skills, and school outreach. So far the program has been very successful, and it is exciting to see where this new edition will end up.

Joaquin Contreras, a junior in AVID, had this to say: “Even though I’m an upper classmen, my freshman buddy has motivated me to do better in my classes... sometimes it’s expected for older students to just mentor younger students, but in my case I find it’s the other way around.”

Yesenia Sanchez, another junior, said, “I told my buddy to take higher level classes, and focus on getting great grades, not good grades, but great grades!”

AVID students have visited two university campuses this year: California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA), and the University of California, Irvine (UCI). These trips help to expose our students to the college environment and motivate them to plan to continue their education after high school.

The AVID program is becoming an essential ingredient of the Littlerock High School culture. Our AVID student population has grown to include more than 10% of the student body, and AVID strategies are being integrated across the curriculum through the promotion of WICR (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading) strategies. These are techniques that help students think more critically, write with more clarity, and question with more depth.

The rigorous nature of the AVID program has produced results: 100% of the AVID seniors and juniors have passed the CaHSEE, and the achievement gap has been virtually erased among students in the program. To help widen this success school-wide, we are promoting the use of Cornell Notes and AVID-style inquiry methods among the core subject areas. We hope that our implementation progress over the next two years will help showcase LHS as an “AVID school.”

The AVID club will soon be selling AVID sweatshirts for the winter season. They will be approximately \$25.

AVID Dessert Night takes place on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:00 PM in the LHS cafeteria.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to help our AVID program, please call or e-mail Mr. Fields at the high school: (661) 944-5209 ext. 205; tfields@avhsd.org

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