

AVID Facts

- AVID was founded by Mary Catherine Swanson in 1980 at Clairemont High School in the San Diego Unified School District.
- AVID identifies underachieving students in grades 6-12 and prepares them for four-year college entry.
- AVID serves over 35,000 students throughout California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Asia, and Europe.
- Since 1990, over 10,000 students have graduated from AVID high school programs.
- Over 90% of AVID's graduates enroll in college.
- AVID graduates persist in college at an 89% rate.
- Over 60% of the AVID graduates enroll in four-year colleges.
- The AVID network of schools includes over 700 sites.
- Some of AVID's awards include the Salute to Excellence Award for Staff Development and Leadership from the National Council of States on Inservice Education, the Dana Foundation Award for Pioneering Achievement in Education, and the A+ Award from the U.S. Department of Education for Efforts to Reach the National Education Goals.