

Student/Parent FAQ's

Can a student still apply to the AVID program if they were not in the program in Grade 9?

Absolutely. Sometimes we can have a “mid-year” entry point if a student’s schedule allows, depending upon what classes they have already taken.

What if my grades are not “middle of the road” or what if I don’t really need help with organization? Is AVID still for me?

It could be. People come to AVID for a variety of reasons. Although students whose academic course marks range anywhere from a C through to a B/A letter grade are shown to potentially benefit the most from AVID, we have many students who enjoy taking AVID despite having grades beyond the targeted zone. Some students recognize they can use some help with their writing, speaking, and reading skills or their study strategies. Many say they most appreciate the “family-feel” of the AVID classroom. Some like having the extra time, preparation, and support researching and planning for their post-secondary education and future careers. Other students like to expand their comfort zones through public speaking, debates, and seminars. And some students just want to work with like-minded peers.

Why is AVID paired with an English class?

Ideally, AVID is taught everyday so that the support, skill development, and relationship-building occur throughout the year. Due to our semester system, pairing AVID with English allows us to maintain those connections every day, instead of for only half the school year. Important parts of the AVID curriculum also involve writing, speaking, listening, and critical reading strategies, which integrate perfectly with the provincial English curriculum.

If I’m already in the AVID program at Royal Bay, do I need to reapply each year?

No, you do not. All you need to do is check “AVID/English” on your Course Selection Form when the time comes.

How do the Graduation Credits work?

In Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 you will receive 8 credits **per year**: 4 for English and 4 for AVID. In Grade 12, you will also receive an additional 4 credits for completing CLC 12 (Career Life Connections) your Capstone project – a graduation requirement.