The Mission of AVID

AVID is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance. The mission of AVID is to ensure that all students, and most especially the least served students in the middle capable of completing a college path:

♦ Will succeed in rigorous curriculum;

♦ Will enter mainstream activities of the school;

♦ Will increase enrollment in four-year colleges;

♦ Will become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society.
### AVID OBJECTIVES
AT PUYALLUP SCHOOLS

To provide academic instruction and other support to students in order to prepare them for eligibility to four-year colleges and universities.

To improve organizational skills.

To improve critical thinking skills.

To improve literacy skills.

To improve collaboration skills.

To prepare students for entry into the most rigorous high school courses, including dual enrollment Early College High School courses.

To empower capable students performing at the average level to achieve academic excellence.

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### THE AVID STUDENT PROFILE

Students who have potential and desire to attend a four-year college and...

- have academic potential
- average to high test scores
- 2.0 to 3.5 grade point average
- have appropriate classroom behavior
- have a good attendance record
- have good work habits
- are willing to commit themselves to studying and homework each night

### THE AVID STUDENT CRITERIA

Students must also meet ONE or more of the following criteria:

- First in their immediate family to attend college/university
- Historically underrepresented in four-year colleges
- Low income
- Special circumstances

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