

What is the AVID Program?

AVID stands for Advancement Via Individual Determination. AVID is a program for students who are determined to be successful in honors and advanced courses in school, yet are aware that they may not have acquired all the skills they need to do so.

Students entering our AVID program are

- Committed to studying and completing homework every night (about 30 minutes in each academic subject)
- Willing to take on the responsibilities necessary to succeed in college preparatory courses
- Desiring to attend a four year college when they graduate from Pedro Menendez High School

Successful students in our AVID program are those students willing to learn new study skills and use them on a daily basis. The most important study skill taught and used in AVID include

- Cornell Notes
- Higher level questioning by the students of the teachers on a daily basis
- Participation in tutorials inside the AVID classroom

Successful students in AVID have not necessarily been in honors courses prior to entering high school. However, they have been students who consistently are willing to complete assignments on time with their best efforts. The AVID teachers at Menendez will equip you for success in honors and advanced courses—but it takes the individual effort and determination of the student to complete the task.

If you would like to learn more about the AVID Program at Pedro Menendez High School, please contact Guidance Counselor Yanetta Arnold or Assistant Principal Kathy Sanchez at 905-547-8660. They can also be reached at arnoldy@stjohns.k12.fl.us and sanchek@stjohns.k12.fl.us respectively.

Please plan to join us on February 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pedro Menendez High School auditorium for our Academy Night. You can hear a form presentation on AVID at that time, as well as learn about our other programs. We look forward to meeting you.

To apply to our AVID Program, please click on the link to the AVID Application. After printing and completing the application, please mail it to

**Kathy Sanchez, Assistant Principal Pedro Menendez High School
600 State Road 206 West
St. Augustine, Florida 32086**

Your application should arrive by Friday, February 18, 2011.