

AVID Elementary

What is AVID Elementary?

AVID Elementary is based on the same learning foundation that underlies the AVID Elective. However, whereas the AVID Secondary site is a combined effort of a dedicated elective class and core content area classes to create a schoolwide impact in middle and high school, **AVID Elementary** is designed to be embedded into the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms, across entire grade levels, to impact schoolwide structures. It is not intended to be taught in isolation or within an elective setting.

AVID Elementary takes a systemic approach through *Beginnings*, *Foundations and Bridges* implementation resources for different levels and settings in order to support all students on their journey to college readiness.

AVID Elementary is a foundational component of the AVID College Readiness System and supports AVID Center's mission to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.



Stages of AVID Elementary

*AVID Elementary (AE) spans K-8 in three stages, **Beginnings**, **Foundations** and **Bridges**. Each stage is designed to meet the needs of students within that range of development.*

AVID Elementary *Beginnings*

Addresses the beginning years of education when students are **emerging as learners**. Students are learning to read, learning to write and learning to learn. AE **Beginnings** classrooms are designed to promote learning to WICOR (Writing Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading), or L-WICOR, throughout the academic day.

AVID Elementary *Foundations*

Addresses the foundational years of education when students are **becoming independent learners**. Students are reading to learn, writing to learn and learning to reflect on their own learning. AE **Foundations** classrooms are designed to promote WICOR throughout the academic day.

AVID Elementary *Bridges*

Addresses the transitional years of education when students are **becoming independent thinkers**. Students are thinking about thinking and learning about their own learning. AE **Bridges** classrooms are designed to promote WICOR throughout the academic day.

AVID Elementary Essentials

There are Four AE Essentials that are standard across all active sites around the globe and aligned to the overarching goal of AVID Center's mission.

Essential One: Instruction

Writing to learn, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading to Learn (WICOR) as well as Learning to Write, Learning to Inquire, Learning to Collaborate, Learning to Organize and Learning to Read (L-WICOR) are the foundation for instruction in AVID Elementary classrooms.

Essential Two: Culture

AVID Elementary sites incorporate rigorous, relevant, differentiated opportunities for all students in an environment that promotes college readiness.

Essential Three: Leadership

AVID Elementary Leaders support, guide and facilitate AVID Elementary implementation for all students.

Essential Four: Systems

AVID Elementary sites align their systems by utilizing the Pillars of Excellence (accountability, articulation, assessment and calibration) to ensure the quality of AVID Elementary implementation.