Syllabus for AVID I with Mr. Gay (gayj@pitt.k12.nc.us) in Room EC 101



**Message for Students:** Welcome to AVID! I am so excited about starting our journey….you can be sure we’ll have a great year together! Know that I am here to support you through it all and make sure you are well prepared for success at a four-year university.

**Program Description:** AVID is a four-year program that seeks students who are in the academic middle (GPA and test scores) and desire structured support for four-year college preparation and admissions. Students must be determined to succeed in rigorous high school curriculum that meets or exceeds the college entrance requirements.

**Class Description:** AVID I for Freshman is an academic elective class that prepares students for the rigors of meeting college entrance by emphasizing critical reading, analytical writing, academic research, collaborative discussion, and inquiry. Four days a week are designed for AVID I class instruction and one day is designed for study hall / weekly reflection. Students will also take advantage of opportunities to learn more about scholarships and financial aid, college life and majors.

**Expectations of an AVID Student:**

* Earn at least C’s in rigorous college preparatory courses (Honors or AP classes).
* Seek assistance as needed.
* Maintain good attendance.
* Complete all homework. Get make-up work for excused absences (a week to complete).
* Maintain an organized binder with tabs and sections for all classes.
* Use your planner daily.
* Actively participate in study groups and collaborative activities.
* Demonstrate respectful behavior.
* Register for and take college entrance exams: PSAT, SAT I and/or ACT, SAT II as desired.

**Grading Procedures**

Your semester grade will be broken down by the following percentages…

*Major Assignments: 60%*

 *Minor Assignments: 40%*

Late Work Policy…

* Late = 20% Deduction
* Over a Week Late = 50% Deduction

 **Classroom Expectations**

\*Please note the following expectations for the class.

Keep academics first by…

* Listening in class when others are speaking
* Completing work on time and with 100% effort
* Studying notes and class materials nightly
* Having materials each day
* Ensuring that cell phones and electronic devices are not a distraction during class
* Being awake, well rested, and involved

Have respect for self, others, and property by…

* Using appropriate language
* Keeping the classroom quiet during designated times
* Maintaining an open mind
* Keeping the classroom orderly and clean
* Using polite language when dealing with others

Safety by choice, not by chance. We will choose to create a safe environment by

* Keeping our hands, feet, and belongings to ourselves
* Keeping valuables secured and out of sight
* Resolving conflicts peacefully
* Clearing walk ways for others to pass

**Message for Parents:**

I look forward to working with you and your child. It is going to be a great semester as each student works toward the goal of being successful in college, careers, and life. If you have questions for me during the semester, please contact me at the school’s phone number, 252.493.7821 ext. 638 (or via email at gayj@pitt.k12.nc.us). Progress reports and report cards will keep you up to date, but call anytime that you would like an update.

**Materials for AVID I:**

* Backpack/bag
* School-Issued Chromebook
* 3 inch, 3-ring binder
* Loose-leaf notebook paper
* Pencils and pens
* Notebook dividers / tabs for binder
* Highlighters
* Planner- **required to have and maintain**
* A personal notebook for note-taking
* 2 hours a night to read, organize, study, and complete homework

Sincerely,

Jonathan Gay