



### **What is AVID?**

AVID is an academic, regularly scheduled elective class, during the school day, based on writing as a tool of learning, the inquiry method, and collaborative grouping. The three main components of the program are:

- Academic instruction
- Tutorial support
- Motivational activities

### **Who is an AVID student?**

AVID students are students in the middle, capable of completing a college preparatory path with support. These students often are not realizing their full potential academically. In the identification process a number of criteria are considered, including:

- State Scores
- 2.0 - 3.5 GPA
- Citizenship
- Attendance
- Desire and Determination
- First in the Family to Attend College
- Historically Underrepresented in 4-year colleges/universities
- Economically Disadvantaged
- Other Special Circumstances

### **What do we do in AVID?**

- Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, Reading (WICOR) methodologies are the basis for curriculum instruction
- Students participate in field trips to colleges/universities
- College students act as role models and facilitate academic discussion in regularly scheduled tutorial groups
- Students develop academic and social skills for success in all subject areas
- Guest speakers provide motivation and college and professional career information
- AVID students participate in extracurricular and community events

If you are interested in the AVID program and would like more information, please email Ms. Hubbard, AVID coordinator ([dahubbard@fcps.edu](mailto:dahubbard@fcps.edu)). You can also talk with your school counselor both at Sandburg or at West Potomac.

