

POB AVID NEWS

Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology AVID

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AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness in a global society.

Welcome Back!!

What is AVID?

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a global nonprofit organization that operates with one guiding principle: Hold students accountable to the highest standards, provide academic and social support, and they will rise to the challenge. AVID's kindergarten through higher education system brings research-based curriculum and strategies to students each day that develop critical thinking, literacy, and math skills across all content areas (AVID.org)

AVID:

- Teaches skills and behaviors for academic success
- Provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships
- Creates a positive peer group for students
- Develops a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination

As a result, policymakers and educators now consider AVID's mission to be an essential strategy for closing the achievement gap, making college access and success available to all students. (AVID.org)

AVID At Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology:

- Offered as an Elective class all year for grades 9-12
- Works with students on : **Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading** strategies that can be applied for success in all academic courses.
- Involves and supports students in extra curricular activities, college and career research, internship opportunities, scholarship research and application process as well as community service activities

"AVID helped me with organization skills."- Jazmine Green

*"AVID helps you to stay focused!"-
Mariah Ramseur*

*"AVID keeps me updated on
upcoming scholarships. Those are
helpful to me and my classmates. I
LOVE AVID!" -Jacquan Reynolds*

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Triumph College Admissions

The AVID Binder

Have you logged on to the TCA program? This free test preparatory program, Triumph College Admissions, is available to all students here at Phillip O. Berry Academy of Technology.

To log in: bit.ly/POBtriumph

All students' progress on Triumph is electronically tracked to help students perform at their best on the ACT and SAT. Students will continue to work through the TCA program in all four years of AVID.

Each week students in AVID receive a binder check if their class meets on a Friday. Students are expected to have sections for each course they are taking and to have Cornell notes in each section.

We expect that all AVID students have one binder that contains all of their course work for the semester. Binder checks are formal grades. Formal grades make up 70% of the students' course grade. Students who are in need of a binder may see Ms. Bush in room 537.

Please make sure that as you get ready for the 2015-2016 school year that you have your binder supplies ready!

AVID's Impact

2012-2013 AVID Seniors

Demographics

34,234

Total Number of AVID Seniors

76%

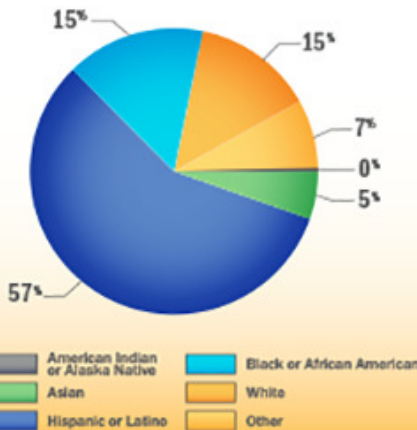
Parents Did Not Graduate from a College/University

74%

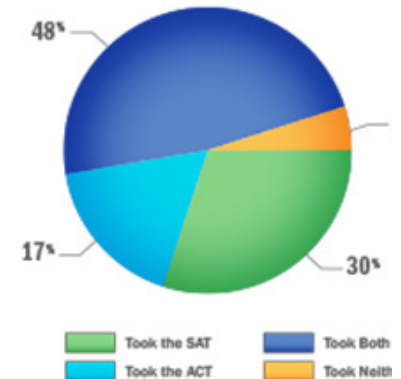
Free/Reduced Lunch

21%

English Language Learners



Precollegiate Testing



Higher Education

86%

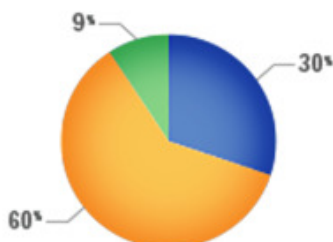
Applied to a Four-Year College/University

76%

Accepted to a Four-Year College/University

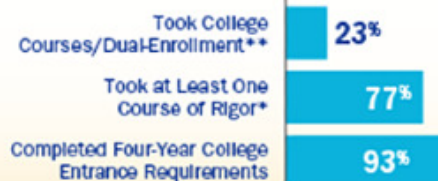
85%

Submitted a FAFSA Form



■ Planning to Attend a Two-Year ■ Other Post-High School Plan
■ Planning to Attend a Four-Year

Academic Rigor



3.2

Average High School GPA

99%

Graduated High School on Time

* Course of rigor is defined by AVID as an Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Advanced International Certificate of Education.

**Dual Enrollment course provides a student with secondary and college credit upon completion.

STEM Connections

Sign up for Skoolaide.com

We will use SKoo-
laide.com as our electronic agenda for the 2014-2015 school year. Parents can create an account and monitor student progress on assignments as well as provide incentives for completion. Please email Ms. Bush for details at StaceyL.bush@cms.k12.nc.us. Set up your account today to prepare for the 2015-2016 school year!!!

- Log on to SKoolaide.com
- Create an account
- Confirm your account in your email
- Add your advocate (your AVID teacher for 2015-2016)
- Add your classes and assignments

Investigating Scholarships

Did you know that the Phillip O. Berry Student Services department posts opportunities on their wiki page?

Log on to the Phillip O. Berry Website and click on "Student Services," to view opportunities.

[http://
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vices.cmswiki.wikispac](http://pobstudentser-
vices.cmswiki.wikispac)

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Twitter

Keep up on the latest AVID news! **@POBAVID**



How Are YOU Planning for next year? Increase your "Readability!"

The AVID tutorial

AVID Tutorials and AVID Tutors

Tutorials and tutors play a vital role in the AVID Elective class, while also benefiting other content-area classes in a school. As a key component to the collaboration portion of the AVID System, tutorials are a time and place where students come with complex questions from any content class and get guiding support to confront tough problems and solve them within their own means.

Using their knowledge and experience, AVID-trained tutors are able to conduct collaborative tutorials that lead to increased student participation and success. Trained tutors are able to create an environment where students feel comfortable asking the questions that they might be embarrassed to ask in their content-area classrooms. .

Tutors are essential to the success of AVID, acting as a resource and role model for AVID students both academically and socially. [AVID alumni](#) who continue their education in college often return to AVID at local schools or their alma mater as tutors to continue their involvement with the AVID family. If you or someone you may know are interested in volunteering as an AVID tutor this school year, please click on the QR code for volunteers on the last page of this newsletter.

Financial Aid

To help students and parents understand the application process for FAFSA, UCanGo2 is pleased to introduce our the latest resource, [StartWithFAFSA.org](#). While exploring this interactive site, students and parents can sort information about specific FAFSA topics, ask questions, watch FAFSA video tutorials in English or Spanish and download publications. New topics and answers to important questions will be uploaded weekly.



Guest Speakers

We are currently scheduling speakers for the 2015-2016 school year. Please click on the QR code below to sign up to speak to our AVID students this school year:



Volunteers

If you are interested in becoming an AVID volunteer for the 2015-2016 school year we would love to hear from you! We are looking for volunteers for tutoring as well as to accompany us on our field studies. Please enter information through the QR code below:



Join our Email List!!

We would love for you to stay connected! To join our email list, please scan the QR code to the right and enter your information.



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Hands On
CHARLOTTE

Community Service

Opportunities

Students! As you begin your path applying for colleges you will need to have some extra curricular activities and community service experience. Begin investigating community service opportunities this through Hands On Charlotte.

<http://www.handsoncharlotte.org/VolunTeens>