

**Course Outline and Syllabus**  
**South River High School**  
**AVID 10**

**Instructor Information:**

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Planning: 3A,3B,4A,4B

**Course Description:**

The AVID 10 course is designed to prepare students for the challenges they will face in rigorous course of study at the high school level and beyond. The course will focus on the following skills: Time Management, Organization, Cornell Note taking, and Leadership. All of our activities will be rooted in the WICOR strategies (Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, Organization, and Reading) as these skills are the backbone of all AVID classrooms. Furthermore, students will receive tutorial time in order to gain a greater understanding of difficult subject matter from their classes.

**Materials:**

- AVID binder: students are required to maintain a 3 ring binder for their core classes, including foreign language and AVID, that is organized according the AVID model. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS. STUDENTS WILL USE ONLY 1 BINDER.**
- Agenda: students must either their own personal agenda, or a suitable electronic organizer as approved by the course instructor.
- Self-Selected Reading Novel (This will not be required until the 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period)

**Key Topics:**

- Review of AVID basics—binder, tutorials, Cornell notes, learning logs, goal setting, WICOR, etc.
- Transcript Review (Weekly grade checks)
- Team Building
- Self-Awareness
- SAT Prep
- Goal Setting
- AVID Student Portfolio
- Self-Selected Reading
- Oral Presentation Skills
- Debate/Analyzing Arguments
- Writing Process
- Career Research
- Socratic Seminar
- Test Prep (PARCC/AP)
- College Research

**Assessment and Grading Expectations**

- A student's grade is based on the following elements: notebook, tutorials, written assignments, including SAT essays, projects, classwork, and homework.

- Breakdown:
  - 90% assessments—projects, essays, notebook, tutorials, etc.
  - 10% Quarterly Assessment

*A minimum grade of 50% will be given for all assignments or assessments for which the student made a good faith effort, as determined by the teacher. If a student does no work on an assignment or assessment, the teacher shall assign a grade of zero.*

**Grading Scale:**

- A= 90-100%
- B= 80-89%
- C= 70-79%
- D= 60-69%
- E= Below a 60%

**Semester Grade:**

- 50% each marking period

**Parent Notification:**

Parents will be notified 3 weeks prior to the end of the marking period if a student is currently earning a failing grade. At any time, parents may check [parentconnect.aacps.org](http://parentconnect.aacps.org) to see their student's grade. Please contact the guidance office if you do not already have a login.

**Opportunity for Mastery:**

Per AACPS regulation, students may redo up to **THREE** assessments each quarter. Students are encouraged, but not required, to participate in teacher facilitated reteaching. All redo items must be completed within 10 days.

**AVID Content Standards:**

- I. Character Development
  - Self-Awareness, Goals, Community and School Improvement, Ownership of Learning
- II. Academic Success Skills
  - Organization, Time Management, Note-taking, Research and Technology, Test Prep
- III. Communication
  - Speaking, Listening
- IV. Writing
  - The Writing Process, Writing Skills, Writing Applications, Writing to Learn
- V. Inquiry
  - Costa's Levels of Thinking, Tutorials, Socratic Seminar and Philosophical Chairs

- VI. Collaboration
  - Study Groups, Peer Relationships, Tutorials
  
- VII. Reading
  - Vocabulary, Textual Analysis
  
- VIII. College Readiness
  - Guest Speakers, Field Trips, College & Career Knowledge, College Entrance Exams, College Admissions, Financial Aid

**General Information:**

- Daily, on time attendance is required. Students should only be absent or tardy from class for legitimate reasons. Tardiness is not acceptable in the workplace nor is it acceptable in the classroom. **Absence is not an excuse for ignorance.** Students who miss class are responsible for obtaining missed assignments and activities in a timely manner (the first class period he/she returns to class) and missed work must be completed by the deadline established by the teacher and student.
- Students should remain alert and actively engaged with classroom activities.
- Extra help is available during NEST Blue Block when scheduled with the teacher.
- Please refrain from eating in class; students are welcome to consume water.
- During class, students should be focused on our class activities; please do not be working on other materials.
- Cell phones and Ipods should not be used during class.
- Students are required to adhere to the academic integrity policy established by South River High School. Please refer to your student handbook for more information. Students who do not meet this expectation on any assignment will receive a zero on all parts of the assignment, parents will be notified, and school administration, including AVID Administrator Mrs. Andrews, will be notified.
- Most importantly, education is the foundation of your future; please take your education seriously, put aside minor distractions, and bring a positive attitude to class every day.

I have read and understood the requirements for AVID 10

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Student's Name

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Student's Signature

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Parent's Name

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Parent's Signature

Parent email address at which you would like to be contacted: (please write clearly)

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Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Is there anything I need to know about you(r) (student) to help them be successful in this class?

