| ***Course Description:*** | | Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an academic elective course that prepares students for college readiness and success, and it is scheduled during the regular school day as an 18-week long course. Each week, students receive instruction that utilizes a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum provided by AVID Center, tutor-facilitated study groups, motivational activities, and academic success skills. In AVID, students participate in activities that incorporate strategies focused on writing, inquiry, collaboration, organization, and reading to support their academic growth. Additionally, students engage in activities centered around exploring college and career opportunities and their own agency. |  | |
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| ***Classroom Expectations:*** | | You are expected to conduct yourself in a respectful and productive manner. In addition to all the rules and expectations listed in the student handbook, I expect you to have a positive attitude, treat others with respect, practice self-discipline, and demonstrate responsibility. If these conditions are not met, you can expect one-on-one meetings with me, parent/instructor conferencing, and administrative action, if necessary.  **Concerning the use of cell phones and other electronic devices:**  Devices should be turned off and kept in your purse, backpack, or pocket during class unless otherwise instructed. You may not place it on your desk. Parents, guardians, and other family members should call the front office in case of emergency.  If you violate this rule, you can expect the following consequences:   * *First offense* – Teacher warning * *Second offense* – Administration referral / 1 Day of In-School Suspension (ISS) * *Third offense* – 2 Days of In-School Suspension (ISS) * *Fourth offense* – Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) |  | |
| ***Grading Policy:*** | | Major assessments will count 70 percent of your grade. Homework and classwork will account for 30 percent of your grade. Grades will be updated weekly in PowerSchools. Each grading period will consist of nine weeks. |  | |
| ***Make-up Work Policy:*** | | Make-up projects/tests opportunities will **only** be given to a student who has an **excused absence**. **The student must make arrangements with the teacher to make up these assignments in a timely manner.**  Homework/Classwork: Students who are absent for **excused reasons** will be permitted to make up missed work. **It is the student’s responsibility to get their work assignments the day upon return to school and complete the assignments within three days of the date of the last absence**. Grades of zero will be assigned for assignments missed because of unexcused absences. |  | |
| ***Text and Other***  ***Required Reading:*** | | None |  | |
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| ***Materials and***  ***Supplies Needed:***  ***Laptops***  ***Accommodations*** | | * Good-quality 1" or 1-1/2” three-ring binder with pockets * 4 colored-tab dividers to separate sections of binder * Zipper pouch to store supplies * 2 or more pens * 2 or more pencils * 1 or more erasers * Filler paper (Some notebook paper is now available in Cornell note style.) * Daily planner/calendar * 1 or more colored highlighter pens * Calculator * Six-inch ruler   **Concerning laptop utilization:** 1.Only MCS-issued laptops can be used during school hours. 2. Use of discs, flash drives, jump drives, or other USB devices will not be allowed on Madison City computers. 3. Neither the teacher, nor the school is responsible for broken, stolen, or lost laptops. 4. Laptops and other electronic devices will be used at the individual discretion of the teacher.  Requests for accommodations for this course or any school event are welcomed from students and parents. |  | |
| ***AVID Elective Term Guides*** | | **Links:**  [*AVID 9 Elective - Term 1*](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1LysWNsPiruuErIbhM7lfhxwS63ZMlevh)  [*AVID 9 Elective - Term 2*](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1GfT4KGowIQKDefhbjEG5KwtTOnhZMwde)  [*AVID 10-12 Elective - Term 1*](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1kiDnS0JF9R-9_JClutUWdku3n-5-xZdy)  [*AVID 10-12 Elective - Term 2*](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1uiRhQIARkkZ97A59vXpcZF7F-YPeCvyG) |  | |

**Please sign below to acknowledge that you have received, read, and understood the syllabus.**

**Student name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian name**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian, please provide two ways for me to contact you (email address, phone numbers):**

Parent/guardian Email:

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Parent/Guardian Phone number:

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