



Date: September 29, 2009
To: AVID Coordinator/AVID Principal
From: AVID Center and ACT

Re: AVID CA EXPLORE Partnership

The AVID Center and ACT are continuing our partnership to better support our AVID students on the path to college. On behalf of all AVID California sites, we will continue to support your AVID program's administration of EXPLORE to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students.

EXPLORE helps students, parents, and educators understand the importance of planning and preparing for the transition to high school and beyond. Below are some of the AVID CA EXPLORE Partnership highlights for the 2009-2010 academic year:

- *AVID CA Regional Support*
- *Free Professional Development for AVID Educators*
- *Ordering Support*

ACT is also providing EXPLORE to our collective AVID California program sites at a greatly reduced cost of \$6.84 plus tax per student. **The recommended testing window is September 25th through January 31, 2010 which will allow for better reporting and intervention opportunities for students.** AVID schools may also choose to test beyond the preferred window but must conclude EXPLORE testing by June 1, 2010.

An AVID CA EXPLORE Partnership order form is enclosed. Please forward the completed order form by fax to ACT Inc. in Iowa City, Iowa at least four weeks prior to the date materials are needed. Materials will arrive by the materials needed date as indicated on the order form. Schools ordering materials for AVID and Non-AVID students MUST record each population individually on the AVID CA EXPLORE Partnership order form.

EXPLORE is appropriate for all students, and is not limited to just those in the AVID elective, so we encourage you to seek school and district wide administration. Toward that end, ACT will honor the AVID CA EXPLORE Partnership pricing for all of your students.

For EXPLORE or ACT related questions, please contact an ACT representative at 916-631-9200 or email westreg@act.org. For questions about AVID, please contact Julie Elliott, Robin Kisinger, or Lynn Nelson at 858-380-4800 or lnelson@avidcenter.org.

We are very pleased to offer you this opportunity to administer and support your use of EXPLORE. Together, we are making a difference in young people's lives!

Best wishes,

Granger Ward
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