



AVID Schools

- Actis JHS*
- Almond Tree MS*
- Arvin HS*
- Bakersfield HS*
- Burroughs HS*
- Cecil Avenue MS*
- Centennial HS*
- Cesar Chavez HS*
- Delano HS*
- East Bakersfield HS*
- El Tejon School*
- Foothill HS*
- Golden Valley HS*
- Haven Drive MS*
- Highland HS*
- Independence HS*
- La Viña MS*
- Lakeside School*
- Lincoln JHS*
- Maricopa HS*
- McFarland HS*
- McFarland MS*
- Mira Monte HS*
- Monroe MS*
- Mountain View MS*
- Murray MS*
- North HS*
- Richland JHS*
- Rio Bravo-Greeley School*
- Robert F. Kennedy HS*
- Shafter HS*
- Sierra MS*
- South HS*
- Stonecreek JHS*
- Sunset MS*
- Taft Union HS*
- Tevis JHS*
- Thompson JHS*
- Walter Stiern MS*
- Warren JHS*
- Washington MS*

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WEEK 6

28 SEPTEMBER 2009

Coordinators' Workshop I Agenda

On Tuesday, 6 October 2009, Site Coordinators will attend the first of two workshops offered during the 2009-2010 school year designed specifically for AVID Site Coordinators. The agenda below outlines the day's activities. Site Coordinators will ultimately share what they learn at the session with their teams.

- 8:00—8:15 Welcome & Introductions
- 8:15 —8:45 General Session
Dates, ISS, Site Data, Write-Off
- 8:45—10:00 Breakout Sessions
*Certification & Evidence Check
Essentials 1—3 Evidence Check*
- 10:00—10:15 BREAK
- 10:10— 11:15 Articulation Time
- 11:15 — 12:30 Concurrent Breakout Sessions
*Parent Involvement
Site Team Involvement*
- 12:30—1:30 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 1:30— 2:45 Concurrent Breakout Sessions
*College Preparation
Grant Writing*
- 2:45—3:00 Closing & Evaluations

Attendees should remember to bring the evidence they have collected this year for Essentials 1—3.

***We look forward to seeing
all Site Coordinators
at East Bakersfield High School.***



Quote of the Week

“Moral virtues we acquire
through practice
like the arts.”

*Aristotle (384—322 B.C.)
Greek philosopher, pupil of Plato,
tutor of Alexander the Great*



Important Dates

Tue. 6 Oct. 2009

Coordinators' Workshop I
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
East Bakersfield HS

Tue. 20 Oct. 2009

Tutor Training I
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
***KCSOS University Square
Second Floor—Tehachapi Room***

Tue. 27 Oct. 2009

Taking AVID Schoolwide
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
North HS

Sat. 21 Nov. 2009

Write Path Workshop
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Stonecreek JHS

Tue. 2 Feb. 2010

Taking AVID Scholwide
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Thompson JHS

Wed. 23 Mar. 2010

Coordinators' Workshop II
8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Foothill HS





Coordinator's Corner



What are some of the Coordinator's Site Team responsibilities?

As the leader of the AVID Site Team, the Coordinator has many responsibilities. He/she ensures:

- the members meet the minimum representation (Essential 11, Indicator 1)
- the members meet at least quarterly (Essential 11, Indicator 3)

I have listed only two of the Essential 11, Level 1 responsibilities of the Coordinator in regards to the Site Team. So, depending on your site's previous level, your job this year is to identify your site team gaps and add new members appropriately. See Essential 11, Indicator 1 for a complete description of the levels of representation for the AVID Site Team.

Next, you must schedule at least quarterly Site Team Meetings. With the expansion of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs), many administrators are allowing AVID Site Teams to meet occasionally during this time. Be sure to preview the Essentials, especially Essential 9, for agenda topics. See Essential 11, Indicator 3 for a complete description of the levels for frequency of Site Team Meetings.



"I found another mistake in Wikipedia! I swear, we are becoming a nation of C students."

Gary Olsen, Higher Education

Coordinator's Checklist

Below are all of the recommendations made in the Coordinator's Corner.

- Ensure proper representation on the Site Team.
- Schedule the Site Team Meetings.
- Compile evidence for Essentials 1, 2, and 3 to be checked at the first workshop.
- Create an evidence collection system.
- Post Site Team goals in each elective classroom.
- Register Site Team Members for appropriate AVID Professional Development Series workshops.
- Complete and send your completed AVID Site Plan to Brad or Kathy. Many sites completed this task at Summer Institute.



Complete this checklist ASAP!

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Developments from around the County

- *Robert F. Kennedy HS* AVID has published its first AVID newsletter of the year; access this first edition on the [Best Practices](#) link of the KCSOS AVID website. Thank you, **Sara Cipriano**, RFK AVID 9 teacher, for heading up the production of the newsletter! Keep it up, RFK Site Team!
- *Walter Stiern MS* 6th grade AVID students do weekly binder checks for the entire school! These students march off to every classroom on campus with clipboards in hand to make sure all students have brought their binders to class. Their report sheets are then sent to the office for compilation. Weekly binder checks of a more rigorous nature are, of course, regular components of all AVID classes at the school. Great job, WSMS Site Team and **Briana Dodson**, AVID 6 teacher!
- *Foothill HS* AVID and International Baccalaureate students, under the guidance of AVID elective teacher and Co-Site Coordinator, **Rebecca Farley**, are starting an AVID sorority. One of the entry pre-requisites for this sorority will be completion of the A-G graduation requirements. Plans are underway for many social and community activities. A similar fraternity is also in the works. Way to go, AVID and FIB!
- *Sierra MS* AVID students are studying colleges and universities in the school's computer lab through the use of two very helpful websites: *Google Assist* and *CA Reality Check*. The two websites have multiple links addressing just about everything students must know about attending colleges and universities. Check the [Useful Websites](#) link of the KCSOS AVID website for these two sites. The Sierra MS students and their AVID teacher, **Allison Arnold**, are experts on these sites. Wonderful work, guys!



- *Monroe MS* AVID students, with the help of AVID elective teacher, **Alison Bachety**, have taken the "AVID Mission Statement" and rewritten it in their own words. They created a whole new poster that is hanging right inside of the entrance to the AVID classroom. The newly worded mission statement reflects all of the tenets of the original statement but focuses even more on what the students believe is important. Exemplary effort, Monroe MS AVID!

Fall Certification Packet

AVID Center has posted the 2009-2010 "Fall Certification Packet" at AVIDonline.org; you can also access it on the [Site Coordinators](#) link of the Kern County AVID website. Also posted in both places is a document outlining the changes in the new ISS/CSS document. Attendees of Summer Institute learned of these changes during the afternoon Site Team Meeting sessions, and all Site Teams should take a close look at the new document to ensure that evidence collection is in line with the new wording and new Indicators in some cases. Data collection forms and instructions area also available online, so access the websites for important submission deadlines, information, and more. Make this an agenda item at your next Site Team Meeting.



Plan on meeting all submission deadlines for the ISS, General Data, and CSS!

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AVID Elective Teacher's Corner

During the first day of Tutorology, the attendees participated in an inquiry activity that asked them to form a new group via the completion of a postcard puzzle. In that group, they created three questions followed by an evaluation of the questions' levels. The use of the postcards led to a discussion of my six-stores, two-day attempt to find postcards. The group identified multiple locations, but *Heather Hernandez*, an elective teacher from *Richland JHS*, hit the jackpot. She visited the Kern County Visitor's Center on Oak Street on her way home and located a variety of postcards and brochures. Thanks, Heather! The group also brainstormed various other puzzle options for the activity. Photographs, pictures from old textbooks or overhead books, artwork, political cartoons, diagrams, graphs, formulas, and more may be cut into pieces to be used for the purpose of forming groups. Please keep in mind that the items used should have relevance to the content being taught.



Happy hunting!

In Memory of Jesse Aguilar

Jesse Aguilar was the current Vice Principal of Nueva Vista Language Academy. He served as the Learning Coordinator and AVID Coordinator at Almond Tree Middle School for two years and taught at Valle Vista School for three years. Jesse was in charge of multiple student events and helped organize a very successful Career Day. He was always professional, courteous, and passionate about everything that he did. Jesse made a huge impact on staff and students. Parents have commented that their children would not have graduated if it wasn't for Mr. Aguilar taking the time to speak with them in an effort to make them successful.

Jesse passed away on September 21st and will be missed by family, friends, colleagues, and students. He touched many lives in a very positive way.



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