



AVID SUCCESS

(An Introduction to Our Newest and Largest Initiative)

Greenwich Alliance For Education initiative focused on helping AVID students and alumni achieve college and career success by providing essential extensions to the GPS AVID experience

GPS AVID: Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an internationally recognized college-readiness system designed to close the achievement gap and promote equity and access in education. AVID was brought to the GPS by the Alliance in 2008. Since then more than 200 students have graduated from the GHS AVID program.

AVID SUCCESS SCOPE: program designed to support and engage GPS AVID students and alumni over a ten-year period through middle school, high school, college, and beyond

PROGRAM LAUNCH: Design Phase – Summer 2020; Implementation - Fall 2020

FOCUS SUPPORT AREAS *(see next page for more details):*

Students

*Good Money Habits
Jobs & Professional Tools
Mentoring/Coaching
Family Programs
Getting to College*

Alumni

*Scholarships
Jobs & Professional Tools
Mentoring/Coaching
Engagement/"Pay It Forward"*

Professional Educators

*Professional Learning
Summer Stipends
Research and Development
Administrative Support*

Community Outreach

*Communications/Awareness
Sponsorships
Volunteers
Internships*

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AVID SUCCESS SUPPORT AREAS

STUDENT SUPPORTS:

Good Money Habits	help pay for college and build financial independence
Jobs & Professional Tools	help with jobs, internships, and career-related skills and experiences
Mentoring & Coaching	provide ongoing guidance to navigate secondary and post-secondary education, career development and life experiences
Family Programs	build understanding and provide resources that engage and support the entire family in the college and career process
Getting to College Support	assist with application and financial aid processes, provide college supplies, support AVID acceptance and graduation celebrations

ALUMNI SUPPORTS:

(College Students and Graduates)

Scholarships	reduce financial pressure, enable students to stay in college and minimize overall student debt
Jobs & Professional Tools	help with jobs, internships, and career-related skills and experiences
Mentoring & Coaching	provide ongoing guidance to navigate secondary and post-secondary education, career development and life experiences
Alumni Engagement	promote a culture of “paying it forward” through ongoing alumni connections with one another, current AVID students, the GPS and the Alliance

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR SUPPORTS:

Professional Learning	address needs identified by GPS professionals
Summer Stipends	fund the work of GPS AVID professionals on AVID SUCCESS program planning, implementation and evaluation
Research & Development	use AVID GPS and national data to evaluate, improve and communicate the impact of AVID and AVID SUCCESS
Administrative Support	use SUCCESS volunteers to ease the administrative task burdens of AVID professionals

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE:

Communications	build community awareness and involvement via newsletters, social media and other forums
Sponsorships	provide financial and volunteer supports, and career opportunities for AVID students and alumni
SUCCESS Volunteers	build a community volunteer team to help AVID SUCCESS operate smoothly
Internships	hire AVID alumni (1-2 each year per placement) for real world professional experience