



# AVID Elementary

Advancement Via Individual Determination

AVID Center's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

Encinal Elementary continues to promote and refine organizational skills, goal setting, focused note taking, marking the text, and a variety of other AVID teaching strategies. Teachers meet monthly to discuss strategies they are utilizing in their classrooms and collaborate on ways to implement those strategies at the different grade levels. When students are in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade they will have the opportunity to visit colleges in the area such as; Chico State, UC Davis, Sacramento State, and Yuba College.

## What does WICOR look like in the classroom?

**Writing to Learn:** STAR Strategy (2-Column Notes , 3-Column Notes, and Cornell notes), Learning Logs and Reflections, Summaries

**Inquiry:** Levels of Thinking, Cat/Fish Socratic Seminars (academic discussions about text), Philosophical Chair Debates

**Collaboration:** Purposeful Group Projects, Study Buddies, Study Groups, Math Problem Solving, Carousel Brainstorms

**Organization:** Agenda/Planner, Organizational Tool, Focused Note Taking, Graphic Organizers, Goal Setting

**Reading to Learn:** Effective Reading Methods, Think-Alouds, Graphic Organizers, Marking the Text

### **AVID Elementary sites work collaboratively to:**

- Cultivate intrinsic motivation by creating a vision of academic success
- Promote a belief that academic rigor is possible, attainable and expected
- Generate stronger students and teachers through the development of a consistent way to think and process information
- Establish equal access to AVID Elementary methodologies for all students
- Strengthen the bridge between elementary and middle school

### **AVID Elementary classrooms encourage:**

- Organizational tool accountability and responsibility
- Use of agenda/planner to foster a "plan-ahead" mentality
- SMART goal-setting skills
- Time management skills
- Note-taking strategies (STAR)
- Inquiry method
- Collaborative learning
- Effective reading strategies for comprehension
- Building community with open communication