

AVID Center
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)
Overview for States

Executive Summary

The *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA) provides approximately \$100 billion for education. These funds will be distributed to States through both formula and competitive programs. Formula funding is provided through supplements to Title I funding (\$13 billion), the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, \$12.2 billion), and the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF, \$48.6 billion). In addition to formula grants, ARRA also includes a competitive grant program for states, the Race to the Top. This program will fund \$4.35 billion in competitive grants to states that are states making the most progress in improving student achievement (see Attachment A for more information about ARRA education funding for states).

ARRA funding will help states close the achievement gap and help students from all backgrounds achieve high standards. All ARRA funding programs address four specific areas of reform: (1) Adopting rigorous standards and high quality assessments that *prepare students for success in college and the workforce*; (2) Building pre-K to college and career data systems *data systems to track student achievement* and teacher effectiveness and foster continuous improvement; (3) Recruiting and retaining effective teachers, especially in classrooms where they are needed most, and making *improvements in teacher effectiveness* and in the equitable distribution of qualified teachers; and (4) Providing *intensive support and effective interventions for the lowest-performing schools*.

AVID provides preparation for any type of postsecondary education that requires strong academic foundations – a four-year college, a two-year college, or a shorter certificate or training program – **without the need for academic remediation**. AVID can help states address the ARRA priorities, particularly in the areas of rigorous college- and career-ready standards, increasing teacher effectiveness, turning around low-performing schools, and improving the results of all students. AVID Center provides a range of services to support your state’s broader and deeper implementation of the program:

- AVID provides research-based strategies to help accelerate students’ gains in reading and writing skills, support students who are English Language Learners, and support students in AP classes.
- AVID offers programs for upper elementary (grades 4 and 5), middle school (grades 6-8) and high school (grades 9-12). AVID also has summer programs designed to support the transition of students from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school.
- AVID Center provides experienced trainers to train your selected teachers and staff to lead the AVID implementation process within your state, districts and school sites.
- AVID provides a statewide management system to support the needs of your state.