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How does AVID Elementary impact students and schools?

AVID Elementary (AE) teaches academic habits and higher-level thinking at a young age to create a ripple effect in later grades. A recent study of AE improves our understanding of how it affects change in elementary classrooms and students.

“Before AVID, students didn’t even talk about colleges and now they do. I’m getting a lot of first-time college students coming back and telling me, ‘I’m attending’ or ‘I graduated.’”

—AVID Elementary Teacher

Three Key Findings

1. The impacts of AE are wide and deep.
2. AE provides a rigorous learning environment for all students.
3. AE provides a common language and empowers everyone to work together supporting both student and teacher learning.

Impact on Social/Emotional Learning

AE helps students believe they can achieve academic success by offering academic, social, and emotional support.

AE cultivates a growth mindset and develops students’ academic disposition that college attendance is possible and a goal they can achieve.

AE creates an educational climate that is kinder, gentler and instills a sense of family.

What Principals and Teachers See

• Students’ note-taking informs teacher instruction and decision-making.
• Binders and focused note-taking show improved organization and inquiry.
• Students are aware of goal setting, career pathways, and college options.

“It gives students empowerment because it’s that growth mindset. It makes them feel like, ‘I can do this.’”

—AVID Elementary Teacher

Source: Interviews with principals and teachers from AVID Elementary schools.