**12th Grade** 

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**Course Description:** AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a special program designed to support and assist selected students with their college preparatory curriculum. The program goal is that every student reaches his or her potential, both as a student and as a citizen, and that he or she attends a four-year institution of higher education in preparation for professional success.

**Course Content:** Throughout junior year we will explore the following areas:

**College Applications and Personal Essay Writing**

### Scholarship Searches and applications

**Discussion and Public Speaking Skills**

**College Life Skills**

### Reading, Essay Writing, and Research

###### Organization and Time Management

### Study Strategies

**Tutorials**

**Course Standards:**

AVD WR1Student uses writing strategies to strengthen his/her writing.

AVD INQ1 Student is an active participant in inquiry activities, such as tutorials, Socratic seminars,

and philosophical chairs.

AVD COL1 Student collaborates with peers effectively and in a positive manner.

AVD ORG1 Student effectively maintains organization of binder, planner, and Cornell notes, and uses.

AVD RDG1 Time management skills to achieve academic success.

**Required Materials for Class:**

**1.  Minimum 2" Binder with Tab-dividers**

**2.  College Ruled Paper**

**3.  Pens, pencils, highlighter**

**Grades:** Students receive regular feedback regarding their performance in AVID. The weighted grade will be based upon the following:

1. Assignments- Writing, Reading, AVID Binder/Cornell Notes, Tutorials 50%

2. Participation -Classroom Activities, Participation in Study and Writing Groups 20%

3. Tests- Essays, Projects, Presentations 30%

100%-90% A

89%-80% B

79%-70% C

69%-60% D

59% and below

**Class Rules:**

**Be Safe**

* Humiliating, insulting, or putting down others will not be tolerated.
* Defiance of teacher requests will result in referral or call home.
* Dress code. No hoods, bandanas, gloves, sunglasses, or inappropriate images.

**Be Respectful**

* Respect the space and property of students and the classroom.
* Use please & thank you.

\* Listen to the speaker. No talking out of turn, raise your hand.

\* No Electronic Devices. You will receive a warning and then it will be taken away.

**Be Responsible**

* Come on time, prepared, and ready to learn. I enforce the school tardy policy.
* Bathroom and hall passes are limited.
* Makeup work needs to be completed upon three days of return from your absence.
* Keep track of homework assignments.
* Actively participate.
* Maintain Academic honesty, no plagiarism, or cheating. A failing grade will be given for the cheater and aid to cheater.

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Dear Parents or Guardian,

I am pleased to inform you that your student will be attending my Avid college preparation course. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at Tigard High School. **Drop a note in my box, call me at (503) 431-5503 or e-mail me at mnorris@ttsd.k12.or.us.** I look forward to working with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Ms. Norris

Avid Instructor

Student’s Name

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Parent/Guardian Name Parent/Guardian Signature

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