

On April 16, 2012, Board Member Dr. Debra Robinson asked the following question regarding AC 3 - AVID / AVID Excel Implementation Agreements. A response was prepared by the Division of Curriculum and Learning Support and the CAO.

Question:

Yeah! acceleration (not remediation!) so...why don't we implement AVID in every school? Do we need a workshop?

Response:

All schools are eligible to implement an AVID program. However, it is essential that funding be dedicated for implementation. There are currently 17 schools in Palm Beach County that have AVID programs. The majority of these schools began implementing AVID as a grant funded strategy.

The schools are:

- Atlantic High School
- Boca Raton Middle School (School-Based Funding)
- Boynton Beach High School
- Conniston Middle School
- Congress Middle School
- Crestwood Middle School
- Forest Hill High School
- Glades Central High School
- John I. Leonard High School
- Lake Shore Middle School
- Lake Worth Middle School
- Lake Worth High School
- Pahokee Middle School
- Palm Beach Gardens High School
- Palm Beach Lakes High School
- Royal Palm Beach High School
- Santaluces High School
- Village Academy

The cost of AVID per year for each school averages approximately \$21,000, ranging from \$17,000 to \$27,000 within the first three years of the program. **(Please see attached information on annual costs.)** The AVID college readiness system requires mandatory training for the AVID elective teacher, the school administrators, and a team of content area teachers.

Additionally there are required fees for yearly membership, a onetime cost of an AVID library, and continuing annual costs for tutors. The District currently covers the costs for the salary, travel, and training for the AVID District Director, however funding is not currently available in the budget to support AVID programs in all District schools.

We would recommend a Board Workshop to see how students are benefiting from this program.

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