



**RESEARCH RECAP** A qualitative study of sites successfully implementing AVID Elementary

## The impacts of AVID Elementary are wide and deep for both students and teachers

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**

The impacts of AE are wide and deep.

AE provides a rigorous learning environment for *all* students.

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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.