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OUR MISSION IS TO ENSURE LEARNING AND SUCCESS FOR EACH STUDENT BY PROVIDING A QUALITY EDUCATION.

The What, Why and How of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

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Purpose of the Presentation

″ Describe AVID's purpose, goals and results for improving college going rates.

″ Outline why AVID is part of PUSD's LCAP.

″ Outline progress of the AVID pilot at Jackson Middle School and next steps.

What is AVID?

- A school wide college readiness system
- A structured approach to rigorous curriculum
- Direct support structure for first-generation college students
- Professional learning for educators

What does AVID do?

- Develops readers and writers

- Develops deep content knowledge

- Teaches content-specific strategies
  for reading, writing, thinking, and speaking

- Develops habits, skills, and behaviors to use
  knowledge and abilities

How AVID Works

- Accelerates under-achieving students who have potential into more rigorous courses

- Teaches academic and social skills not targeted in other classes

- Provides intensive support with in-class tutors and a strong student/teacher relationship

- Creates a positive peer group for students

- Develops a sense of hope and personal achievement gained through hard work and determination
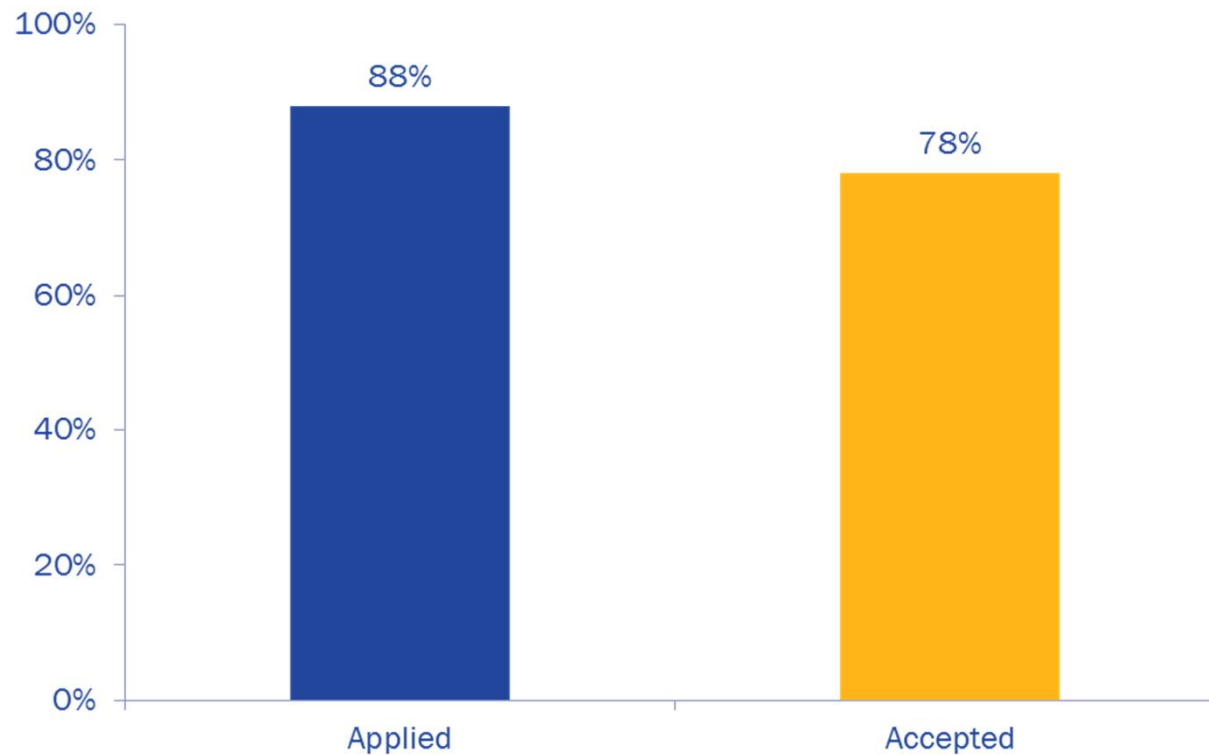
2014 AVID Elective Seniors

- 91% plan to enroll in a college or university
  - 61% plan to enroll in a four-year university
  - 30% plan to enroll in a two-year college

AVID. (2014). *AVID senior data collection: Study of 36,448 AVID seniors* [Electronic Database].
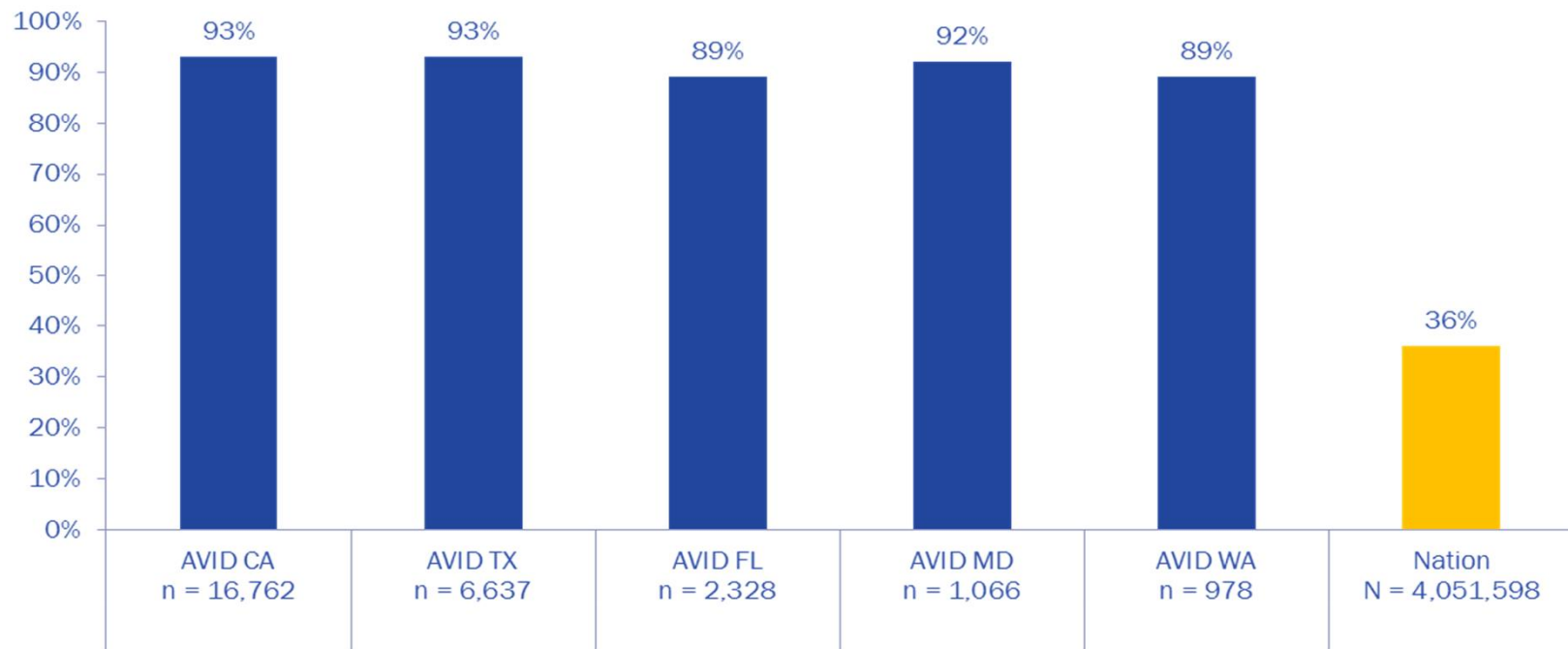
AVID Elective Graduates

2014 AVID Elective graduates who applied and were accepted to a four-year college or university

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Completing College Entrance Requirements

AVID Elective students complete four-year college entrance requirements at a rate at least two times higher than the national rate

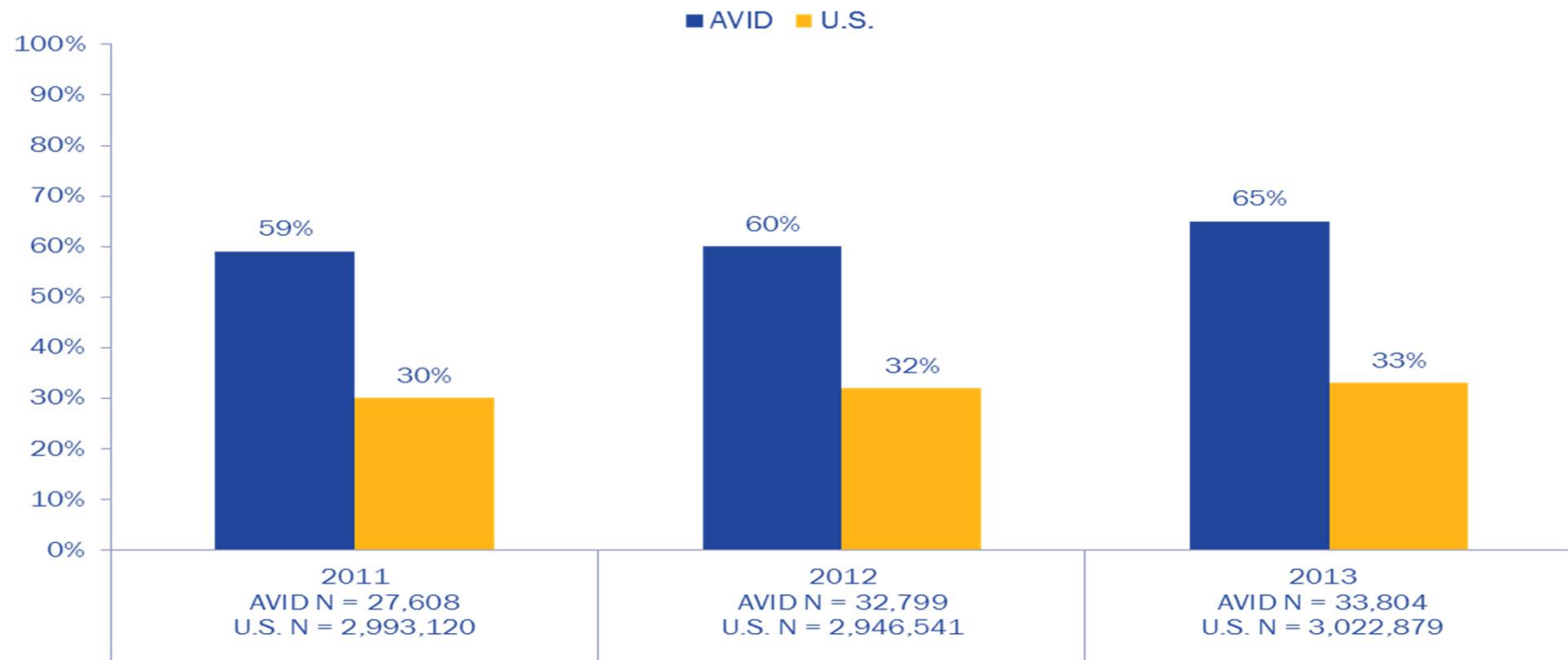|	AVID CA n = 16,762	AVID TX n = 6,637	AVID FL n = 2,328	AVID MD n = 1,066	AVID WA n = 978	Nation N = 4,051,598
Percent	93%	93%	89%	92%	89%	36%

AVID. (2014). *AVID Elective senior data collection: Study of 27,771 AVID seniors* [Electronic Database].
Greene, J.P. and Forster, G. (2003). *Public high school graduation and college readiness rates in the United States* (Report No. 3). New York: Manhattan Institute for Policy Research.
National data represents the most current comprehensive data available.

AVID Elective students participate in AP

High school graduates who took at least one AP exam

■ AVID ■ U.S.

	2011	2012	2013
AVID	59%	60%	65%
U.S.	30%	32%	33%

2011
AVID N = 27,608
U.S. N = 2,993,120

2012
AVID N = 32,799
U.S. N = 2,946,541

2013
AVID N = 33,804
U.S. N = 3,022,879

The AVID Elective Student Profile

Has academic potential

- Average to high test scores

- 2.0–3.5 GPA

- College potential with support

- Desire and determination

W.I.C.O.R.

Writing

- Writing process (prewrite to final draft)

- Respond, revise
- Edit, final draft

- Cornell notes

- Quick Writes
- Learning logs, journals

Inquiry

- Skilled questioning

- Socratic Seminars

- Quick Writes/ discussions

- Critical-thinking activities

- Writing questions

- Open-minded activities

Collaboration

- Group projects

- Response/edit/revision groups

- Collaboration activities

- Tutorials
- Study groups

- Jigsaw activities

- Read-Arounds

Organization

Tools
- Binders

- Calendars, planners, agendas

- Graphic organizers

Methods
- Focused note-taking system

- Tutorials, study groups

- Project planning, SMART goals

Reading

- SQ5R

(Survey, Question, Read, Record, Recite, Review, Reflect)

- KWL

(What I Know; What to Learn; Learned)

- Reciprocal Teaching

- Think-Alouds

- Text structure

- Critical reading

PUSD's LCAP and AVID

LCAP Goal 2:
Create a College Going Culture

Pilot AVID at one middle school followed by implementation in additional schools to increase college going rate of target students.

AVID Pilot at
Jackson Middle School

″ Four teachers, counselor, principal attended AVID conference in summer, 2014

″ AVID elective included in master schedule; 32 eighth grade students scheduled; parent information meeting held.

″ Tutorial aides hired and trained.

″ Training for all AVID teachers, tutors, counselors and administrators provided by LACOE.

A Sample AVID Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
PE	PE	PE	PE	PE
Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts	Language Arts
AVID Elective Curriculum	AVID Elective Curriculum Tutorials	AVID Elective Curriculum	AVID Elective Curriculum Tutorials	AVID Elective Curriculum Activities
Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies	Social Studies
Science	Science	Science	Science	Science

What Jackson students and staff say about AVID: Note taking

What Jackson students and staff say about AVID: Inquiry

Bringing AVID to More Students in PUSD

˝ Principals and counselors from Alondra, Paramount Park, Hollydale, Zamboni and PHS West observed the AVID program in action at Jackson School.

˝ Planning to include one 7th grade AVID class (32 students) at each middle school and one at PHS West in fall, 2015.

˝ Expansion of at Jackson to include 6th, 7th and 8th grades.

˝ Schools will need to send teams for AVID training in summer, 2015.

Long-Term Outcomes

School wide AVID will support…

- *Increase* in high school graduation rates
- *Increase* in completion of college entrance requirements
- *Increase* in college applications and enrollment

Questions and Discussion