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AVID Worcester Public Schools

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Organization Description:

AVID, (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a college readiness system designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges. Although AVID services all students, it focuses on the least served students in the academic middle. The formula is simple- raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support system in place, they will rise to the challenge.

AVID is in the elementary through twelfth grade in the Worcester Public Schools. In the elementary level the AVID strategies are embedded into the daily instruction. At the secondary level AVID is an approved credit bearing elective course taken during the day. For one class period a day, students learn organizational and study skills, work on critical thinking and asking probing questions, get academic help from college trained tutors and participate in motivational activities that make college attainable. The AVID Secondary site is a combined effort of a dedicated elective class and core content area classes to create a school-wide impact in middle and high school.

The mission of AVID is to close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

CBL Opportunities:

Worcester Public Schools is recruiting college students to serve as AVID tutors by facilitating AVID tutorials. The AVID tutorial sessions are held twice a week during the AVID Elective class. During tutorials, the elective class is divided into several tutorial groups. Under the direction and supervision of the AVID Elective teacher, an AVID-trained college tutor facilitates the discussion and work. Tutoring takes place during the day in **AVID** classes. School day hours are 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Training will be provided.

As an **AVID** tutor you will assist students by:

- Leading collaborative study groups (tutorials) in the **AVID** classroom using an inquiry process.
- Checking student notes and binders.
- Providing academic support.
- Acting as a role model.
- Providing encouragement, understanding and a personal connection to students.
- Facilitating access to rigorous curriculum.

Pre-service Requirements: CORI form, AVID application, AVID Tutor Training

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Service Requirements: Monthly discussion group/AVID college tutors, AVID and Holy Cross