



AVID – Parent Meeting

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AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)
is a program which prepares students to attend a
four-year college



AGENDA

- ❖ Presentation: 1. Reasons for AVID in 7th & 8th Grade
2. Building a “reverse resume” – personal & career plan for each student
- ❖ Activity: How can you as a parent help!
- ❖ Review: The 10 Most Common Excuses for Not Going to College



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1. Reasons for AVID in the 7th & 8th Grade

The College Board, other experts,
and we at Angevine
believe that starting early helps.



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2. Building a “reverse resume”

Each student must have:

- ❖ A personal plan
- ❖ A career plan



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3. We believe, as a parent you must:

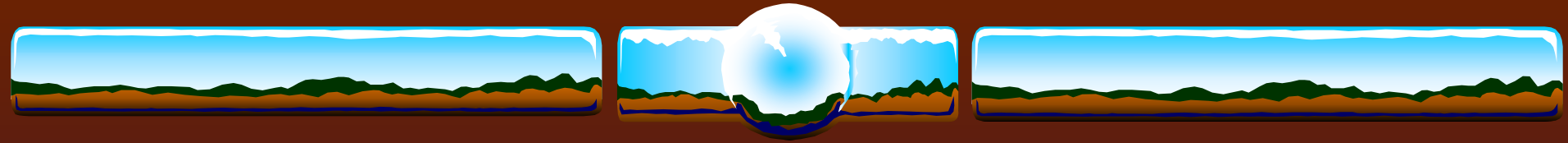
- ❖ Raise the standard accepted at home (just “cs”)
- ❖ Be specific in questions & expect specific answers (during your conversations at home, car, etc.)
- ❖ Begin a four-year plan with their children



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3. We believe, as a parent you must:

- ❖ Get beyond “did you do your homework,” to talk about everything that goes on at school
- ❖ Be unconditionally supportive of whatever interests your son or daughter has
- ❖ Search out family or friends whom your son/daughter can shadow for a few days to learn more about their careers



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3. Activity

We want your ideas on this.

Please complete survey in the next few minutes



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4. 10 Most Common Excuses

1. *Nobody in my family has ever gone to college*
2. *My grades are not good enough for college*
3. *I can't afford it*
4. *I don't know how to apply to college, or where I want to go*
5. *I think college may be too difficult for me*



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4. 10 Most Common Excuses

6. *I'm not sure that I'll "fit in" in college*
7. *I don't even know what I want to major in or do with my life*
8. *There's no way I can go to college full time*
9. *I'm too old to go to college*
10. *I just want to get a good job and make lots of money.*



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Some data on expectations & experience

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Expectations</u>	<u>Experience</u>
Changing Majors	12%	65-85%
Dropping out	1%	40%
Work while in college	36%	60%



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5. What do colleges typically look for:

1. Academic rigor: e.g. IB hexagon, which includes the “core subjects”
English, Math, Science, Social Science, & Foreign Language
MESA students are required to have 4-y of Math, Science, and College-prep
English & success could be measured by student choice of math-based courses
in high school
2. Consistent Grades in “core subjects
3. Demonstrated Talent in extra-curricular activities



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5. What do colleges typically look for:

4. Test Scores: *ACT/SAT scores*

5. Personal Statement – *how student's desires match with institution's strength*

6. Teacher Recommendation – *to substantiate student's objectives*