

**Strengths and Recommendations**  
**RIMS AVID**  
**Canyon Lake Middle School**  
**2017-2018**

**STRENGTHS**

**Domain I– Schoolwide Instruction**

- CCII.1.15 Teachers throughout the school routinely use WICOR strategies in content courses. We have found evidence of this in our WICOR walk through's. Our district supports the use of WICOR by including WICOR in course descriptions through the district.

**Domain II– Schoolwide Systems**

- CCII.1.2 100% of our AVID students have signed contracts by all available parties. One of our big family events each year is to have an ice-cream social and contract signing party at the beginning of the school year. At this event we have an orientation for the parents and teach them about tutorials, binder checks, fundraisers, and field trips. At the end of the orientation we sign contracts and eat ice cream!

**Domain III– Schoolwide Leadership**

- CCIII.3.7 Funding for the AVID elective comes from the district and site plan. At the district level tutors, Site Team Conference and Summer Institute is funded. At the site level we are funded for some of our supplies and subs for college tours.

**Domain IV– Schoolwide Culture-**

- CCIII.2.4 Each class on campus displays pennants and flags of the college they attended. Our district offers a college fair for the High School students and invites our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to attend as well. Each year the 7<sup>th</sup> graders school wide are invited to tour Cal State San Marcos and learn about the admissions agreement our district has with the university. AVID students also participate in additional college tours and put on an annual college fair during open house for all parents and students of the school to attend.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Domain I– Instruction**

- CCI.1.1– Students in AVID receive instruction and spend time weekly on writing reflections. At this time we do not know how many students throughout the school spend time on writing to learn techniques or who complete learning logs or reflections of learning.

**Domain II – Systems**

- CCII.1.2– We have evidence of signed contracts by all participants in the AVID program. We offer a parent orientation and contract signing party at the beginning of each school year, and at this event and other times throughout the year we request parent involvement but have yet to have many parents participate. This year has proven to be the lowest in terms of parent involvement.

**Domain III – Leadership**

- CCIII.2.4 – The AVID Site Team is made up of two administrators and interdisciplinary teachers and at least 30% of the site leadership team but this year we have not had an AVID counselor. Our AVID counselor retired last year and we did not replace her. We are down one counselor at our site which does not give our current counselors enough free time in their schedules for meetings and trainings. Next year we lose another of our current counselors.

**Domain IV – Culture**

- CCIV.3.6 – Over the past two years the AVID club has fundraised to purchase college flags for each teacher on campus. Teachers hang these flags in their window or somewhere in class. We also have Flags hung in the library. I am not sure that classrooms count as public spaces so to improve on this indicator, we are working on a staff bulletin board for the office to record all of the colleges that all staff attended.