OC Path Trainings

AVID WEBSITE

3 trainings available - Click Dates to Register

Choose from a variety of Communities of Practice \$685/person until 4 weeks prior to training \$715/person less than 4 weeks prior to training

Capistrano USD

October 2-3, 2025

- Site Administrators 1: Secondary
- AVID Elective Level 2: Tutorials and Refining Implementation
- Math Discourse: Elementary and Secondary
- · Cultivating Writing Schoolwide

Placentia-Yorba Linda USD

October 29-30, 2025

- AVID Elementary Implementation: 3-6
- AVID Elective Level 1: Implementing the Foundations of Instruction
- Transforming Literacy Through Content Reading-Secondary
- AVID Emerge Secondary: Elevating Multilingual Learner Instruction in Grades 6-12 Additional Fee for this CoP

Placentia-Yorba Linda USD

January 28-29, 2026

- AVID Elementary Implementation: PreK-2
- AVID Elective Level 2: Tutorials and Refining Implementation
- Transforming Literacy Through Content Reading-Elementary
- Academic Language and Literacy: Asset-Based Instruction for All Classrooms

EVENTS

AVID

AVID SCHOLARSHIPS

2025-26 - OC AVID PL CALENDAR

SEP. 19 - #WHYAPPLY DAY

OCT. 2-3 – AVID PATH TRAINING

OCT. 29-30 - AVID PATH TRAINING

DEC. 3 – SITE TEAM WORKSHOP INFO COMING SOON

JAN. 28-29 - AVID PATH TRAINING

OCDE AVID Changes

The only constant is change, and this year brings changes ot the AVID team.

- Shelby Rommelfanger will be stepping away from AVID to focus on her work in the career education unit.
- Joanna Robold is taking on a new supervisory role here at OCDE and will no longer support AVID directly
- Nicole Overholtzer will now support AVID at OCDE, so look for emails from her

#WhyApply Day

Friday, September 19, 2025

We are excited to participate in the annual #WhyApply Day celebration, led by the American College Application Campaign! <u>Learn more</u> about how to participate in this year's celebration.

Write to Joy: K-12 Writing Conference

Saturday, October 11, 2025

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

Looking for high-quality professional learning in writing instruction? This one-day event is packed with hands-on workshops, collaborative learning, and strategies that align with state standards and MTSS. With sessions tailored for elementary, secondary, and K–12 educators, topics range from AI in writing and EduProtocols® to writing through play, academic writing for LTELs, genre writing, and strategies for exceptional learners—there's something for everyone passionate about nurturing student writers! For more information see: flyer, conference website, registration



College Application Workshop September 9, 2025 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Grade 9-12 Teachers Register Now!

This workshop is open to AVID 9-12 teachers and encourages team attendance. It is a collaboration between AVID Center, OCDE, UC Irvine and UC Riverside. The morning will include discussion around planning and preparing students for being competitive college applicants. In the afternoon, Denise will discuss major changes to the senior scholarship and representatives from UC Irvine and UC Riverside will join us to discuss applications beyond the PIQs, including extra curriculars and choosing a major. They will bring insights from admissions as well as tips to help your students be the most competitive candidates, which includes early planning. For more information: flyer, registration

BIG CHANGES COMING

AVID Senior Scholarship

The AVID Senior Scholarship is being revamped this year with a new portal and new processes. As you know, we partner with the Orange County Community Foundation with most of the scholarships. They are moving portals which changes the application this year. Be sure to use the application template with your students, as there are many changes to questions as well as writing prompts. More details to come soon. Please reach out to Denise with questions.

AVID 9th Grade Leadership Conference

February 6 and 13, 2026

Interest Registration October 15-22, 2025

The AVID 9th Grade Leadership Conference is back. We will be holding two events in February 2026 at Pomona College in Claremont. The number of students and sites will be limited.

The dates of the conference are February 6 and February 13, 2026. Schools must register their interest in attending at Pomona College in Claremont. The number of students and sites will be limited. More information next month.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

SEPT. 9 - COLLEGE APPLICATION WORKSHOP

OCT. 15 – 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE INTEREST OPENS

NOV. 17 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE APPLICATION OPENS

DEC. 15 – SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION DUE (1:00 PM)

DEC. 18 – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DEADLINE

FEB. 6 - 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FEB. 13 - 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

APR. 15 – SENIOR STANDOUT RECOGNITION & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

ACT College and Career Readiness Workshops

Free, annual, half-day events for K-12 educators offer a powerful start to your school year, with helpful tips, engaging activities, and resources to help your students maximize the effects of their college and career journeys. In-person and webinars available. Click here for information and registration.

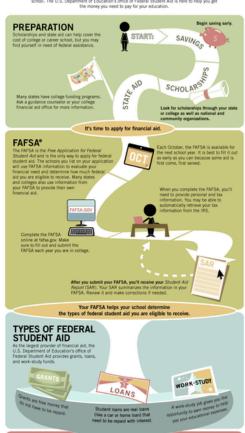
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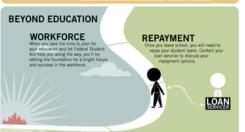
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Changes in FAFSA

FAFSA Opens October 1, 2025

The 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) will open October 1, 2025 with a few changes this year. The Department of Education announced a simplified process for inviting parents or spouses to access and contribute to the form. A contributor will be able to access a student's form by entering the student's email address rather than being required to create a StudentAid.gov account or input their personal information.

FAFSA vs CADAA— Which is the right application for me?

Aid (FAFSA)

The FAFSA is an application operated by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Federal Student Aid (FSA) that allows students to qualify for federal, state. and institutional financial aid.

You are eligible to complete the FAFSA if you:

- Are a US Citizen
- Are a Permanent Resident ("Green Card" holder)
- Have a T-Visa
- Are an Eligible Non-citizen*

Free Application for Federal Student California Dream Act Application (CADAA)

> The CADAA is California's state financial aid application operated by CSAC that allows undocumented and other eligible students to qualify for state and institutional financial aid.

You are eligible to complete the CADAA if you:

- Are Undocumented
- Have a U-Visa or Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
- Meet the <u>CA non-resident</u> exemption requirements
- New: Students from Mixed-Status Families

2026 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops

With the FAFSA changes and the graduation requirement for seniors to complete it, you will want to attend a FAFSA workshop to hear about the changes as soon as possible. The California Student Aid Commission and the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators are hosting the 2026 Annual Statewide Financial Aid Workshops. These free workshops will assist in providing information and updates on statefunded financial aid programs and provide a comprehensive overview of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For information visit: <u>https://www.csac.ca.gov/annual-statewide-financial-aid-workshops</u>