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OCDE AVID UPDATE

AVID WEBSITE

AVID SCHOLARSHIPS

AVID Data

Due February 6, 2026

This year there is a hard deadline for AVID Data to be submitted. Do not wait until the last minute and jeopardize certification.

AVID Showcases

Orange County is hosting multiple AVID Showcases this spring. See below for dates and schools. Click the date for details and showcase focus. Speak with your AVID Implementation Strategist to see if it is the right fit for you.

- January 21 - Columbus Tustin MS, TUSD - **CLOSED**
- February 5 - Villa Fundamental IS, SAUSD
- February 25 - San Marino ES, CESD
- March 5 - Orange HS, OUSD
- March 23 - Olive ES, OUSD - **NOT POSTED YET**
- April 22 - Ruby Drive ES, PYLUSD - **CLOSED**
- April 30 - Schroeder College & Career Academy, WSD
- May 5 - Kraemer MS, PYLUSD

AVID Speaker Contest

Due January 9, 2026 (Deadline Extended)

AVID is looking for passionate students and educators ready to share their unique perspectives, ideas, and experiences. This isn't just a speech competition—it's a chance to make your mark, inspire others, and grow your confidence. Whether you're a storyteller, a visionary, or a future leader, they want to hear from you. And yes, you'll have plenty of fun along the way! Visit the website for details and information. The process has changed this year.

OC Path Training

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

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

2025-26 - OC AVID PL CALENDAR

JAN. 9 - AVID SPEAKER CONTEST

JAN. 28-29 - AVID PATH TRAINING

FEB. 6 - AVID DATA DUE



Highlighting our OC AVID Student Speakers at AVID Summer Institute

If you need a little inspiration for your students or staff, consider showing our OC Scholars!

- Jacqueline Ajucum (Westminster HS, 2023)
- Sarita Plata (Early College HS, 2023)
- Lexi Phalen (San Clemente HS, 2022)
- Andrea Cervantes (Valencia HS, 2015)
- Gisel Marmalejo (Westminster HS, 2014)
- Eduardo Cervantes (Santiago HS, 2013)
- Amaris Valeriano (Sonora HS, 2010)
- Mark Vega (Villa Park HS, 2009)
- Kaylee Nguyen (Stacey MS, 2025)
- Lucy Ramirez (San Clemente HS, 2025)

<https://www.youtube.com/@AvidOrgAVIDCenter/videos>



MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

**MARCH 3 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
APPLICATION DUE**

**MAY 13 - 8TH GRADE STANDOUT
RECOGNITION**

**JUNE 9 - AVID PRE-GAME CEREMONY FOR
ALL ANGELS SCHOLARS PAST AND PRESENT**

8th Grade Standout Scholarship

Due March 3, 2026

The 8th Grade Standout applications are now available. Teachers must create the account for their students this year. Remember there are changes to the application. Use the template and other resources posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page.

8th Grade Standout/Scholarship Teacher Workshop Resources Below

You can find the resources from the December workshop below.

- [Slides and Recording](#).

8th Grade AVID Teachers - Complete this [Google form](#)

8th Grade Recognition Dates Confirmed Mark Your Calendars

Great news, we have confirmed dates with Angels Baseball for our upcoming events.

- The 8th Grade Recognition Ceremony for all 8th-Grade Standouts, families and schools is Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. More information to come.
- If you want to see our past and present Angels Scholars be recognized at an Angels game, join us for the AVID Angels Scholars pre-game ceremony, Tuesday, June 9, 2026.

HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS & DEADLINES

**JAN. 12 - ANGELS COLLEGE SCHOLARS
INFORMATION SESSION**

**JAN. 15 - ANGELS COLLEGE SCHOLARS
NOMINATIONS DUE**

**FEB. 6 - 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

**FEB. 13 - 9TH GRADE LEADERSHIP
CONFERENCE**

**FEB. 19 - SENIOR STANDOUT APPLICATION
DUE**

**APR. 15 - SENIOR STANDOUT RECOGNITION &
SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION**

**JUN. 9 - AVID PRE-GAME CEREMONY FOR
ALL ANGELS SCHOLARS PAST AND PRESENT**

Senior Standout Scholarship

Due February 19, 2026

The Senior Standout information and application will be available by the end of the week. Please ensure that standouts use the posted directions when completing their application. Resources are posted on the [OCDE AVID Scholarships](#) page.

Scholarship Opportunity

Due February 15, 2026

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund has opened their application for 2026. Awards range from \$500-\$5,000. For details, visit: <https://www.hsf.net/scholarship>

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