



# OCDE AVID Update

## Website

<https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavid>

## AVID Scholarships

<https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavid-scholarships>

### EVENT DATES & DEADLINES

**Dec. 6** – Senior Scholarship Applications Due

**Jan. 6** – Senior Scholarship Teacher Recommendations Due

**Jan. 31** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Conference

**Feb. 6** – Senior Standout Scholarship Applications Due

**Feb. 7** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Conference

**Feb. 27** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Applications Due

**Mar. 6** – AVID Night at Knott's Berry Farm

**Apr. 20** – Senior Standout Recognition & Scholarship Presentation

**May 6** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standout Recognition Ceremony

**May 26** – Angels Pre-Game Ceremony

### Knott's Night

<https://tinyurl.com/AVIDNIGHT-KNOTTS>

**Ticket Orders:** The early bird deadline is quickly approaching. Submit orders and money by December 13<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the \$35 ticket price.

**Exclusivity:** The park will be open to our AVID students from 4:00 pm – 1:00 am. AVID students will have exclusive access to the park from 8:00 pm - 1:00 am.

**Passes:** Please discourage students who are considering use of passes. Use of passes means students are a part of the general public and will be required to leave at 8:00 pm. Students using passes on this field trip may pose a liability to your school as they are not considered part of the AVID Night at Knott's.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standout Application

**Due February 27, 2020**

It is our goal to have the online 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Standout application available after winter break. You will receive more details as the time gets closer. Meanwhile, the template is available on the OCDE AVID Scholarships page at <https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavidscholarships>.

### Host a Census 2020 Week

An accurate Census count ensures that your schools and communities get needed federal funding for programs. Children and community members who come from traditionally underrepresented groups are often undercounted in the Census. If you are interested in hosting a Census Week in March 2020, contact Marika Manos, History/Social Science Civics coordinator at [mmanos@ocde.us](mailto:mmanos@ocde.us). She can provide you with free resources for your school and an optional paid learning opportunity for teachers.

### Senior Scholarships Due December 6, 2019

The deadline is almost here. Be sure your students take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

### Scholarship Tips

As students apply to scholarships, please remember these important tips and reminders:

1. Use the template. Do not have your students go into the application blind. Give students the template to complete prior to going on the website. The template is located at <https://tinyurl.com/ocdeavidscholarships>.
2. Be sure to complete BOTH the general application AND the supplemental applications (this is important for any scholarship from the Orange County Community Foundation.) See page 8 of the application template.
3. Teachers: Remember to submit official transcripts and signed authorization forms to the OCDE AVID office by December 6 for student eligibility.

### Research: Middle School

Take a moment and check out the article "Seven ways parents and educators can improve kids' middle school experience" at <https://tinyurl.com/y5c2wpav>.

### Off to New Adventures

The AVID team is saying farewell to Colleen Hoffman this Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are sad to see her go, but she will be a wonderful asset to Friends Christian School as their new office manager. She will be close to home and working at her kids' school. Good luck Colleen and we will miss you.



## College Board Scholarship Program

College Board is offering scholarships for student completing their journey to college. Please check out their website at <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/> for full details.

The Scholarship Program was created to celebrate and reward the effort students put into getting ready for college. The Scholarship Program seeks to clarify the complex college planning process and motivate and reward students to prepare for college with scholarships based on their efforts and action.

The Scholarship Program is open to students in high school, beginning in their junior year, who meet all eligibility requirements stated below, and encourages them to complete six key college planning steps during their junior and senior years of high school.

There is a total of seven scholarships to be awarded. By completing each step, students become eligible for the scholarship associated with that step. Students who complete all six steps are also eligible for the seventh **Complete Your Journey** scholarship. The seven scholarships, named after the required steps, are listed below:

### The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.



#### 1. Build Your College List: \$500

Get started by [exploring colleges](#) you're interested in. [Learn More](#)



#### 2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000

Use [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy](#) to get ready for test day. [Learn More](#)



#### 3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. [Learn More](#)



#### 4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, match, and reach schools. [Learn More](#)



#### 5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. [Learn More](#)



#### 6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Apply to the schools you want to attend. [Learn More](#)



#### Complete Your Journey: \$40,000

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship. [Learn More](#)

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