Eugene Public Schools Seeking AVID Tutors

Eugene School District 4J will begin its sixth year of implementing an internationally recognized college readiness program that you may be familiar with called AVID (www.avid.org). AVID provides what Dr. David Conley calls “Habits of Mind, Academic Knowledge, Academic Behaviors, and Contextual Skills and Awareness” to historically underrepresented minority (and lower income) students who are performing "in the middle." (David T. Conley, 2007) While the AVID program champions these specific students, it lifts up the performance of all students school wide through the Writing, Inquiry, Collaboration, and Reading best practices that are promoted across all content areas.

A big part of AVID's success is tied to its Tutorial component. AVID Tutorials are an outstanding opportunity for interested community members and future educators and social service providers to gain experience in working with students in grades 6 - 12. It is much more than a simple 1:1 tutoring situation, as the AVID tutors run Socratic-style small group sessions and need to exercise teacher-like discretion as they facilitate higher level discussion and collaboration.

AVID Tutorial sessions typically occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays at each of ten middle and high school sites in Eugene. Some are in the morning; others in the afternoon. Sessions last about an hour, and some sites have multiple sessions scheduled concurrently or consecutively. Most AVID Tutor positions are on a volunteer basis, requiring a minimum of two hours per week. UO students can earn credit for serving as an AVID Tutor. There may also be some paid positions for those willing and able to serve at multiple sites for at least six hours per week.

Training will take place this coming September, and it’s best to get connected now so that we can secure a position for you. Please contact Randy Bernstein, Eugene AVID District Director, to let him know if you are interested and available for this opportunity. E-mail is Bernstein@4j.lane.edu and cell phone is 541-514-1572. Thank you.