



# JURUPA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE COUNSELING AND SENIOR SEMINAR TEAM

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# AVID/Senior Seminar/TOK

- Why we started Senior Seminar
  - Started 8 years ago
  - Parents questioning why AVID kids were given more support than non-AVID kids
  - Principal/counseling/AVID Coordinator wanted school-wide support for seniors
  - We wanted all Seniors to have a plan after high school
  - Other subject's time was being used to complete FAFSA/Applications etc.
    - Hurts the students and frustrates teachers

# How We Created the Course

- The AVID Coordinator went through all of the AVID curriculum for seniors of what all students need to know
- AVID Coordinator met with the head counselor to see what the counseling department would like to be covered in the course (FAFSA, College APPS, etc)
- Then as a team, we went through life skills that are important (job apps, interviewing, CSAC, reading financial aid packages, making your college schedule)
- The AVID coordinator piloted the program for the first year
- Then, the Coordinator created a curriculum that the students would complete
- All counseling meetings with students would go through this course to help alleviate stress from Gov't/Econ and Senior English
- All college presentations would go through Senior Seminar to help avoid class-time loss

# Course Outline

## ◦ Semester 1

- College applications
- FAFSA/Dream ACT
- Senior Culminating Project
- Understanding transcripts
- Backwards mapping
- Naviance
- Personal statements
- Letters of recommendation

## ◦ Semester 2

- CSAC
- Cover letter
- Resume
- Mock job interviews
- Basic typing and computer skills
- Budget unit
- Understanding loans/financial aid packages
- How to make a college schedule
- SIR/deposits

# FAFSA/Dream Success

- Every senior must take Senior Seminar/AVID or TOK
  - The teachers in these courses help the students step-by-step to complete their FAFSA/Dream ACT. This is a part of the curriculum and it is a grade in the class.
  - The counselors publicize the completion results by period and teacher, to make it a class competition and the first class to get 100% gets breakfast or lunch.
  - The winning teacher gets a gift card.
  - After we have pushed the FAFSA for 1 month, the teachers begin emailing the counselors the names of the students who are having a hard time, not bringing in info, parents are refusing, etc. The counselors then call in the student and work with them one-on-one.

# Senior Seminar/AVID 4/IB TOK

Fall 2021

Senior Seminar	AVID*	IB TOK*
4 sections: 1st period = 142 students	1 section: 0 period = 11 students	1 section: 7th period = 12 students
1 sections: 2nd period = 33 students	1 section: 4th period = 32 students	N/A
5 sections: 6th period = 139 students	1 section: 5th period = 28 students	N/A
Total = 314 students	Total = 71 students	Total = 12 students

\*AVID and TOK are full-year courses

# FAFSA Completion Rate

As  
of January  
27, 2022,  
Jurupa is  
#1 in the  
state in  
Level 5

High School	High School Enrollment *	2022-23 FAFSA/CA Dream Act + GPA Completed	
		Count	Percent
Jurupa Hills High, Fontana	430	307	71.40%
Rancho Verde High, Moreno Valley	439	287	65.38%
Mission Vista High, Oceanside	362	199	54.97%
Palm Desert High, Palm Desert	463	253	54.64%
Portola High, Irvine	431	223	51.74%
Fairfax Senior High, Los Angeles	434	224	51.61%
Rocklin High, Rocklin	500	253	50.60%
Mission San Jose High, Fremont	488	246	50.41%
Rancho Mirage High, Rancho Mirage	326	163	50.00%
Washington (George) High, San Francisco	491	245	49.90%

How does a  
student exit out  
of Senior  
Seminar?

### 3 Conditions

1. FAFSA must be completed
2. Complete college application(s)
3. Complete Senior Project



# Senior Seminar/AVID 4/IB TOK

Spring 2022

Senior Seminar	AVID*	IB TOK*
2 sections: 1st period = 69 students	1 section: 0 period = 11 students	1 section: 7th period = 12 students
1 sections: 2nd period = 24 students	1 section: 4th period = 32 students	N/A
4 sections: 6th period = 66 students	1 section: 5th period = 28 students	N/A
Total = 132 students	Total = 71 students	Total = 12 students

**58% exited Senior Seminar**

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