



What Are the Characteristics of Effective AVID Site Teams?

Early research on AVID by the Research and Evaluation Department of the California Department of Education and the Western Regional Center of the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development found that AVID was successful when 1) there was administrative support for AVID, 2) strong teachers were involved in AVID, and 3) there was an active interdisciplinary site team. Evaluate the effectiveness of your site team by discussing the following questions.

1. Does your site team address issues of that are system-wide rather than symptomatic issues?
2. Does your site team involve major stakeholders who are committed to working on problem solutions?
3. Does your site team pool resources (time) to reduce the loss of duplicated and fragmented interventions?
4. Does the process of collaborating – communicating, planning, problem solving, decision making, resolving conflicts, and laughing together – break down the isolation educators sometimes experience and create a stimulating, empowering, creative experience that builds nurturing and supportive relationships?