



## **Why Are Students Included on AVID Site Teams?**

In his book entitled *The Predictable Failure of Educational Reform* Seymour Sarason states unequivocally that unless students are given “the right and responsibility to participate in forums where the constitution of the classroom is forged, any attempt at improving student outcomes through educational reform are doomed to fail.” Early AVID research revealed that it was far easier for site teams to tamper with curriculum or adopt new slogans than to redesign ways in which teachers, students, and administrators relate to one another, that to ignore the voices of students was to ensure that no real change, no educational reform, occurred. Evaluate your understanding of student roles on site teams by discussing the following questions.

1. What are the ground rules for student, teacher, and administrator site team discussions?
2. What issues in particular should students be involved in discussing?
3. What issues should students not be involved in discussing?
4. What are the protocols for the outcomes following these discussions?