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Spring Valley High School revalidated as AVID Demonstration School

School retains the distinction as Nevada's only AVID Demonstration School

LAS VEGAS – Spring Valley High School has been revalidated as an Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) National Demonstration School. The revalidation means the school retains the status it has held since 2013 as the only AVID Demonstration School in the state of Nevada.

AVID is a program that provides professional learning for educators to improve college readiness for all students, especially those traditionally underrepresented in higher education. AVID Demonstration Schools exhibit a college readiness system that is evident across the campus through rigor and high expectations for all students. There is significant evidence of AVID impact schoolwide, particularly with the infusion of AVID methodologies in content-area classrooms.

“We are very proud of this recognition as the state’s only AVID Demonstration School and it is a credit to the efforts our staff and students have made,” said Principal Tam Larnerd. “Like many other schools, we are trying to increase the number of students enrolled in rigorous Advanced Placement, dual credit, or International Baccalaureate coursework. AVID is the system that helps our students be successful in these types of courses and then, not only graduate, but also go to college with the skills necessary to be successful.”

AVID Demonstration Schools undergo a rigorous validation process and are required to be revalidated every few years to ensure high levels of implementation. The AVID Center’s National Validation Team recently spent a day at Spring Valley High School listening to a leadership presentation, observing students and teachers in the classrooms, participating in a student panel, and ended with a celebration and announcement of the AVID National Demonstration School Status.

“To be nationally recognized as an AVID Demonstration School is a great accomplishment, and speaks well for the leadership at the school level and commitment of Spring Valley High School staff to fully adopt this research-based program to help students reach even higher goals,” said Dr. Mike Barton, CCSD’s chief college career and equity officer.





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