

# **OUTCOME EVALUATIONS OF EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN ADOLESCENTS**

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Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a program for junior high and high school students designed to reduce dropout rates and increase college attendance among at-risk minorities. The purposes of this study are to review the literature on program evaluation for AVID and to obtain original structured interview data from AVID participants that would aid in program evaluation. Interviews focus on student reports on the effectiveness of AVID in improving grades and in preparing them and motivating them to attend college. As a result of this research I hope to shed light on what aspects of AVID are effective and which could benefit from additional input.