

AVID College Research Paper

Part of the AVID programs is to help students become familiar with colleges and universities. This is your first step! This paper is a major part of your grade and will become a part of your AVID portfolio.

You will choose one school in California to research using californiacolleges.edu. We will use class time to find information on the internet about your school as well as to work on your paper. Keep in mind that you may need time outside of school to complete your paper too. You will be responsible for collecting the information in order to complete the items below. No duplicates of schools will be allowed. You will choose your school based on an online quiz.

Your paper will include:

- a typed 3 page research paper which includes all of the information below
- an original pennant (like the ones in the classroom) with your school's name, colors and mascot
- an oral presentation (specific dates will be assigned)

ALL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS WILL BE DUE ON THE DAY OF YOUR PRESENTATION.

You will be graded on completion of all the items above including:

- spelling & grammar
- neatness
- creativity
- presentation of materials/information
- accuracy

On the back of this form is a more specific rubric for your oral presentations.

Information you must have about your college in your paper, your presentation and on your poster:

- _____ location (city)
- _____ # of students
- _____ What percentage of students are male? female?
- _____ List the ethnic breakdown of students
- _____ Mascot
- _____ tuition, fees, room & board and other costs
- _____ Where do most students live?
- _____ Available scholarships
- _____ Majors to choose from and average size of each class
- _____ Most popular majors and programs
- _____ Minimum GPA for admission
- _____ Minimum SAT scores for admission
- _____ Minimum course requirements for admission
- _____ any additional information regarding admission requirements
- _____ Unique information about your school (traditions, famous graduates, etc.)
- _____ What do students do on campus for fun? (student life)
- _____ What type of school – public? UC or Cal State? Private? Liberal Arts?
- _____ Contact address, phone number, email & website address

Ideas to make your paper unique (these are optional)

- interview somebody who graduated from your school
- take a tour
- Create an spirit object for your school
- call the campus and ask if current students are available for an interview over the phone