



RBSMS AVID Happenings

March 2017

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Helping Trios is used to provide students with the opportunity to develop speaking and listening skills while simultaneously learning how to provide and receive feedback. In order for students to learn how to engage in relevant and appropriate reciprocal conversations, they will need to be provided with both the time and space to do so.



Instructional Steps

1. Divide the class into groups of three.
2. Instruct groups to assign each member one of the following letters: A, B, and C.
3. Give groups a topic (e.g., “My challenges this semester,” “How do you relate to the text,” etc.) to discuss as follows.
4. Student A is in the “hot seat,” and should discuss the topic for two minutes while Students B and C silently employ active listening skills.
5. Next, Students B and C offer feedback for two minutes, while Student A remains silent.
6. All three students then engage in open dialogue for two minutes.
7. Repeat this process with Student B in the hot seat, and then with Student C in the hot seat.
8. If appropriate to the task/topic, consider having the active listening partners take notes about what the speaker has shared.

AVID Elective

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is an elective for students who wish to be prepared to go to college. During the elective class students learn skills in writing, inquiry, organization, collaboration, and reading necessary to succeed in college. Student also receive assistance through problem solving tutorials with college tutors twice a week to succeed in advanced classes.

As we begin to plan for next year please keep AVID in mind. If you have a student who meets the criteria below, please encourage them to apply. **Applications are available outside the AVID classroom and in the back office. Applications are due Monday March 27th**

AVID Elective Students:

- Want to go to college
- Have no referrals for the current school year
- May or may not be in advanced, but with support could handle advanced class work. (Typically if in advanced have C or D and struggle, if not in advanced have an A or B without struggling.)
- Have at least one special circumstance (low income, 1st generation, minority, single family home, etc.)

