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Essential Question

How can I provide all Kansas children with equal access to a quality, high-level education that promotes student achievement and prepares all students for global success?
AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing ALL students for college readiness and success in a global society.

ALL Children Can Learn
Relationships Matter

**Positive teacher-student relationships are associated with:**
- Increasing student's feeling of *safety* at school ([Austin et al](#); [Basch](#); [Steinberg et al](#))
- Increasing academic *test scores* ([Basch](#); [CDC](#); [Comer](#))
- Increasing student *understanding and meaningfulness* of what is being taught ([Benard](#))
- Reducing *absenteeism* ([Basch](#); [CDC](#))
- Decreasing *student dropout* ([Benard](#))
- Decreasing *student-student conflict* ([Griggs et al](#))
- Improving school *climate* ([Cohen et al](#); [McClure et al](#))
- Improving transition to school ([Pianta et al](#))
- Decreasing *risk-taking behavior* ([Basch](#); [CDC](#); [Rudaskill et al](#))
- Developing *language skills* ([O'Connor et al](#))
- Improving *self-esteem* ([DeWit et al](#))
- Decreasing incidences of depression([DeWit et al](#))
- And has been highlighted as beneficial to learning by the major US educational associations, including the [Council of Chief State School Officers](#), [National School Boards Association](#), [American Association of School Administrators](#), [ASCD](#).
Relational Capacity

- What can I do with or say to you solely based on our relationship?
- Can we have the conversations we need to have without it becoming personal?
- What can I get you to do or what can you get me to do simply based on our relationship?
- Another person cannot “fix” a child when the problem is the relationship between another adult and the child!
Relational Capacity

Not one rule we have at the beginning of school will cause good choices, grades and behavior in May. Every strong relationship you make will.
AVID’s Mission – My Purpose & Driving Force

- AVID's mission is to close the achievement gap by preparing ALL students for college readiness and success in a global society.
“THERE ARE NO LEARNING GAPS IN CHILDREN, ONLY OPPORTUNITY GAPS. IT IS OUR JOB TO CLOSE THE OPPORTUNITY GAPS.”

– DEB GUSTAFSON
PRINCIPAL OF WARE ELEMENTARY
FORT RILEY, KAN.
Goal of Kansas DOE

- It is the goal of the agency to provide all Kansas children with equal access to a quality, high-level education that promotes student achievement and prepares all students for global success.
Does ALL Mean ALL?

Does Every Mean Every?
WHY it matters!
Give One – Get One

1. One way you intentionally build relational capacity with students
2. A thought on the dollar demonstration
3. What is a take away or an a-ha you have in our brief time together?

WICOR
- Write
- Inquire
- Collaborate
- Organize
- Read
What is our role?

- Keeping the 1st thing 1st

- What is our first thing?

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What Does “Ready” Mean?

“Readiness can be defined operationally as the level of preparation a student needs in order to enroll and succeed – without remediation – in a credit-bearing general education course at a post-secondary institution that offers a baccalaureate degree or transfer to a baccalaureate program.”

David Conley, “Redefining College Readiness”
KS Degree Attainment

How Kansas Compares to the Nation

Educational attainment in Kansas exceeds the national average, but work remains before it reaches 60 percent.

- 49.8% Kansas
- 42.8% Nation
- 7.0% high-quality certificate
- 4.9% associate degree and higher
- 40.9%
Kansas' Progress

It is important that we measure progress. To reach state goals, the state will not only have to maintain current rates of attainment but also significantly increase the number of people who enroll in programs and earn all types of credentials beyond high school. With the inclusion of workforce certificates (beginning in 2014), Kansas' overall rate of educational attainment has increased by 9.3 percentage points since 2008.

*Since 2014, workforce-relevant certificates have been included in the total of postsecondary credentials.
### Kansas Education Levels

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<th>Education Level</th>
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<td>Less than 9th grade</td>
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<td>9th-12th grade, no diploma</td>
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<td>High school graduate (including GED)</td>
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<td>Some college, no credential</td>
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<td>Graduate or professional degree</td>
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**49.8% attainment**

Because of rounding, the sum of these percentages may exceed 100.
Results by Race and Ethnicity in Kansas

A growing proportion of today’s learners are African-American, Hispanic, and American Indian; and data show persistent and troubling gaps between their attainment levels and those of their white peers. Addressing these gaps – and expanding post-high-school learning opportunities for all – is essential to reducing the inequality that influences much of American life.

Explore Kansas' attainment rates across five racial and ethnic groups, and compare how Kansas performs relative to other states. Attainment is shown here as the percentage of people 25 to 64 with at least an associate degree.*
Six Post-Secondary Pathways

1. Enrollment in 2 & 4 year College
2. Enlistment in U.S. Armed Forces
3. Employment in U.S. Workforce
4. Unemployment
5. Incarceration
6. Death

Website: youngmenofcolor.collegeboard.org
Does ALL Mean ALL?

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What is the Goal?
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Equality

Equity
Equity is….

- Raising the achievement of **ALL students**
- **Narrowing the gaps** between the highest and lowest performing students
- **Eliminating the predictability** and disproportionality of which student groups occupy the highest and lowest achievement categories

Pacific Educational Group January 2006

- Equity is defined in terms of outcome. No two students come to us at the same place. Our job is to ensure that **ALL students leave us at a level of competence that gives them a high predictability of success** in their next phase of life

Mike Neece – AVID Director of Systemic Initiatives
AP and College Success

Students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a bachelor’s degree in four years or less.

## Impact of AP on 5-Year College Graduation Rates

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<th>Student Group</th>
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<td>African-American</td>
<td>28% higher</td>
<td>22% higher</td>
<td>16% higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>28% higher</td>
<td>12% higher</td>
<td>10% higher</td>
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<td>White</td>
<td>33% higher</td>
<td>22% higher</td>
<td>20% higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Low-Income</td>
<td>26% higher</td>
<td>17% higher</td>
<td>12% higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Not Low-Income</td>
<td>34% higher</td>
<td>23% higher</td>
<td>19% higher</td>
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Chrys Dougherty, Lynn Mellor, and Shuling Jian, *The Relationship Between Advanced Placement and College Graduation* (National Center for Educational Accountability)
Equity IS NOT Equal

Equity is moving students from a different place to a common place
Does ALL Mean ALL?

What is an acceptable level of casualties?
Remember …

- Schooling is our business!
- Students are our customers!
- Our job is to insure is to provide all Kansas children with equal access to a quality, high-level education that promotes student achievement and prepares all students for global success. ?
Ron Edmonds

We can whenever, and wherever we choose, successfully teach all children whose schooling is of interest to us. We already know more than we need to do that. Whether or not we do it must finally depend on how we feel about the fact that we haven’t so far.
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