# **HIGH SCHOOL AVID/CATS**

### WHAT IS NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- ★ We have discontinued District participation in the AVID program.
- ♠ A local program to support middle and high school students while they are concurrently enrolled in rigorous coursework is available to all middle and high schools who are interested. The program is called "Cultivating Achievement Through Thinking Skills" (CATS). CATS protocol and curriculum are being developed during the summer and will be ready for implementation at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Current AVID schools will be contacted by the Department of Advanced Academics who will support the transition to CATS.
- ♠ NonAVID middle and high schools may contact the Department of Advanced Academics if they are interested in implementing the CATS program.

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

**€** N/A

### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

Principals, Assistant Principals, Guidance Staff, Teachers, Area Directors

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

Email to Principals and Coordinators, Area Directors

#### CONTACT

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