



I'm not telling you it's going to be easy;  
I'm telling you it's going to be worth it.  
- Art Williams

Organization and collaboration are the main focus of AVID because they prepare you for college. AVID has taught me to strive for the best and become a better person, so that I can be successful in the future. Not only did I gain a new sense of mind, I gained a lasting relationship with people I never met. Therefore, I believe AVID is a necessity.



## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

I have participated in swim and a film club event. I have accumulated knowledge through swim because I learned the different strokes and what my strengths and weaknesses were. The film club taught me what it is kind of like to be on an actual movie set. These two experiences have really opened my eyes and showed me new things in life.



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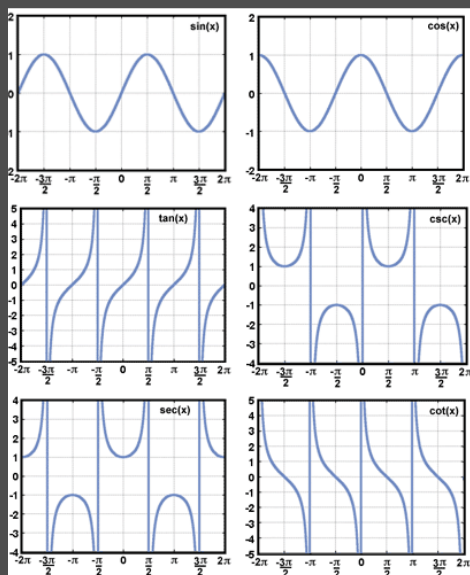
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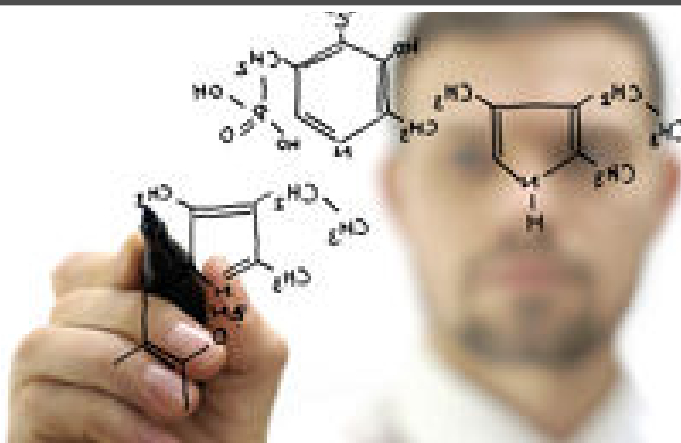
# ALGEBRA II

The year consisted of many lessons all in correspondence with each other. The course in its entirety has 6 units: rational numbers/polynomial expressions, types of equations, complex numbers, trigonometric functions, graphing functions, and function families. I believe the course focused on how to graph and identifying its properties. Due to this central idea, I gained more knowledge about all kinds of graphs.



# AP EURO

The course went through time from the religious wars all the way to the Cold war. It prepared us for the AP Exam to get us our college credits. I gained more knowledge about government because before this class, I did not know much about foreign politics.



# CHEMISTRY

The major things we covered this year were the elements, chemical bonding & reactions, thermodynamics, and kinetics. All the lessons came back to chemical reactions specifically, therefore, I learned more about moles and equilibrium

# ENGLISH II

The English course began with the novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* and ended with the novella *Of Mice and Men*. The assignments for these stories were mainly essays and large projects. Throughout this class, I gained writing and reading skills which I will be able to utilize for the rest of my life.