SPARC Sites in Ventura County

Frank Intermediate School
701 N. Juanita Ave.
Oxnard, CA 93030
(805) 981-1733
Wednesdays, 5:30—7:30

Anacapa Middle School
100 S. Mills Rd.
Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 289-7900
Thursdays, 5:30—7:30

Transportation to SPARC and all related activities is the responsibility of the care provider.

SPARC Ventura County
Special Populations
AVID Readiness Centers

Ventura County Office of Education
Special Populations Department
5889 Verdugo Way
Camarillo, CA 93012
(805) 437-1525 office
(805) 437-1535 fax
FYS@vcoe.org

TUTORIFIC!
484 Mobil Ave. Suite 12
Camarillo, CA 93010
(805) 482-3730 office
support@tutorific.org

Referrals to SPARC can be made by social workers, probation officers, schools, or social services agencies. Please call the Special Populations Department or TUTORIFIC! for more information and referrals.
SPARC (Special Populations AVID Readiness Centers) is a joint partnership between the Ventura County Office of Education, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), and TUTORIFIC! to serve students who are placed in foster care, guardianship, kinship care, or are in a transitional living situation.

SPARC is taught by highly qualified and experienced AVID teachers and tutors in a small group setting. Designed to help students develop organization and study skills, SPARC is intended to prepare middle school students for high school success and college readiness. All materials, including binders, notepaper, and writing utensils are provided. SPARC is held once per week, from 5:30-7:30 pm, and includes dinner for the participants.

The Special Populations Department will lend a laptop, printer, and carry bag to all SPARC students who participate in a one-day training. The laptop may be taken home and is intended for use in school assignments, communication with school and SPARC staff, and development of technology skills.

What is SPARC?

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SPARC students will learn the following skills utilizing AVID strategies:

* Cornell Notes
* Organization Skills
* Note Checking
* Study Skills
* Writing Strategies

In addition, SPARC will offer:

* Early College Preparation
* Motivational Activities
* College Field Trips
* Guest Speakers
* Educational Case Management

SPARC students say:

* “I got better grades.”
* “It’s making me more organized.”
* “I want to go to college even more!”
* “The teachers motivated everyone.”

SPARC caregivers say:

* “Work ethic and study habits greatly improved!”
* “(My student) is now more motivated for college.”
* “… an excellent vehicle for them to pursue their dreams.”