



Timberwood Middle School is named an AVID National Demonstration School

Members of AVID's National Validation Team visited Timberwood Middle School on Feb. 26 and informed Humble ISD that TMS will be named an AVID National Demonstration School! This is an honor earned by less than 2 percent of schools with AVID programs.

There are more than 5,000 AVID campuses in the nation and TMS is joining a prestigious list of now-138 Demonstration Schools. Only one other campus in the greater Houston area, Watkins Middle School in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, is an AVID National Demonstration School.

This honor is the culmination of an 18-month application process. The requirements were extensive and included having 10 percent of the student population enrolled in AVID, 50 percent or more of AVID students taking Algebra I as 8th graders, and implementing AVID educational strategies schoolwide to prepare students for college success.

AVID, or Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a nationally-acclaimed program that focuses on helping students be successful in academically rigorous coursework and graduating from college.

“Evaluators said Timberwood was extraordinary for the way the college-going culture has been implemented campuswide, the manner in which faculty members work collaboratively, and the student-centered focus across all areas,” Sally Wagner, Humble ISD AVID Facilitator, said.

Pictured above, from left, are Renee Herbstler-Timberwood Middle School AVID Coordinator, Barbara Cope-land-AVID State Assistant Director, Kenneth Buck-Timberwood Middle School Principal, Robert Scarfo-Humble ISD School Board Vice President, Melissa Hayhurst-Assistant Superintendent for Middle Schools, Dr. Guy Sconzo-Superintendent of Humble ISD, Dr. Tommy Price-Deputy Superintendent of Humble ISD, Sally Wagner-Humble ISD AVID Facilitator, and Carrie Kolter-Timberwood Middle School AVID Elective Teacher.