



## Humble ISD hosts first Integrated Athletics tournament

Four high schools competed in the District's first ever Integrated Athletics tournament. Basketball teams from Atascocita High School, Kingwood High School, Kingwood Park High School and Summer Creek High School took to the court and made Humble ISD History.

Students and staff cheered for each of the teams as they arrived at Summer Creek High School where the games were hosted. The SCHS band, cheerleaders, and drill team led the players through fanfare as they headed to the main gym. SCHS Principal Thyrun Hurst greeted the students and crowd before putting the ball into play with the tip-off.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to open our campus and to have all of these great athletes compete at our school," Hurst said.

Coach Linda Lindsey, who works in the Special Education Department at Summer Creek High School, served as referee for the game and played a key role in organizing the event.

"This is a new program this year with Humble ISD where we have an athletic program for our students with special needs," Lindsey said, "It mirrors the program we have for all of our other students."

The Integrated Athletic program teaches special education students sports skills, team work and good sportsmanship. At each of the high schools, special education teachers and some students serve as coaches to help them develop these skills. Each of teams have practiced and played basketball during the half times of UIL games at their respective campuses. Lindsey is hopeful to expand the program to include as many sports as possible.

"We hope this continues to be successful and fun for our students," Lindsey said. "We all work to get our students out in the community as well as give them the same educational and extracurricular opportunities as our other students have."

