



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Haltom High School Receives National Recognition for High Performance**

[*Haltom City, Texas*]—Haltom High School has been selected as an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) National Demonstration School, a kindergarten through postsecondary system that has turned thousands of underperforming students into confident, college-going scholars and graduates.

The school, which joins approximately 140 other AVID National Demonstration Schools, was selected through an application process, screening and review that included a site visit. AVID is implemented in more than 4,900 schools in 45 states, the District of Columbia, and 16 countries/territories and impacts more than 700,000 students in grades K-12 and in 41 postsecondary institutions.

AVID Chief Executive Officer Sandy Husk notes the significance of attaining demonstration site status. "Schools chosen as demonstration sites have proven their ability to successfully implement the AVID academic elective course and take the strategies schoolwide to impact all students," says Husk. "Haltom was selected as an AVID National Demonstration School because it has implemented the AVID system throughout the school and can serve as a model for new AVID sites."

The recognition of being an AVID National Demonstration School was established in 1993 with a \$250,000 award from the Charles A. Dana Foundation of New York. As part of the AVID Demonstration Sites Network, sites are expected to develop a model program with schoolwide participation. With AVID's proven methodologies used throughout subject area classes, performance levels improve for all students, but especially for those students who are the least likely to attend four-year colleges. Schools from around the world that are preparing to implement the AVID system will visit Demonstration Schools, such as this one, to observe a highly evolved AVID system.

Clarence Simmons, Haltom High School's principal, is pleased that the school was chosen as an AVID National Demonstration School, noting the impact of the program on staff and students.

"It is a tremendous honor to be selected as an AVID National Demonstration School, and we are proud of our AVID program and our school as a whole," said Simmons. "The use of AVID strategies schoolwide has positively impacted students and staff, and we continue to see a more engaged and college-ready student body."

For more information, please visit [www.avid.org](http://www.avid.org).

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#### **ABOUT AVID**

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