

The Tupelo Coach

The Tupelo Coach communicates a vision of success in the classroom as well as in athletics, focusing on both the athlete and their future. The objective of the coach is to provide a wholesome environment in which participating in athletics will help the athlete develop positive attitudes toward himself/herself, teammates, coaches and competition. The coach also strives to develop good sportsmanship and attributes of a well-rounded student athlete.

Tupelo Coach Code of Ethics

All TPSD athletes and coaches will abide by that which is moral, right, fair and honorable. Coaches must recognize that they are role models for their athletes and must conduct themselves in a manner which will maintain the dignity and decency expected of the profession. TPSD strives to build character in its student athletes and encourages sportsmanship and fair play at all times. At no time will misconduct, unfair play, cheating or any form of unsportsmanlike conduct be tolerated.

Attributes of the Tupelo Coach

Demonstrates a vision for success to the student athlete

- Makes a difference for the future.
- Presents evidence that the vision is shared throughout the athletic department.
- Promotes the building of positive relationships.
- Enables and encourages student athletes to participate in other sports & activities.
- Coach will be a lead learner for his/her department and participants.

Knows and utilizes the current coaching strategy and safety procedures

- Coaches with enthusiasm, passion and patience.
- Coordinates the overall athletic program of the particular sport.
- Ensuring that athletic teams are in compliance with the TPSD, MHSAA and State Board of Education policies.
- Coaching staff shall stay abreast of the latest techniques and mechanics being used to teach their respective sports to maximize talent and potential of the athlete.
- Establishes and maintains appropriate training and safety rules.

Practices professional habits as members of the larger learning community

- Models character traits such as discipline, leadership, responsibility, accountability, tolerance, forgiveness, and a strong work ethic.
- Coaches will present themselves as a representative of TPSD whether on or off duty.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner that will reflect positively on the school district.
- Ensures statistics and promotional information is provided to local and state media.

Communicates expectations with student athletes, parents, faculty and community

- Communicates the value of teamwork for success in athletics and life.
- Sets high expectations and standards for athletic & academic excellence.
- Builds partnerships with community, groups and businesses.
- Works collaboratively with parents to engage them productively in the athletic program.

Models and promotes ethics and integrity in professional and personal activities

- Exhibits an excellent work ethic (works until the work is done), reliable.
- Respects and cares about athletes and their families.
- Displays high standards of professional conduct and is a positive influence in community.
- Maintains confidentiality and respects the rights of others.
- Reveals the courage to do the right things under all circumstances.
- Affirms a desire to make a difference in the lives of young people.
- Shows sensitivity to an individual's circumstances and needs, demonstrating empathy and understanding.