

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
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Texas High School Coaches Association inducts Joey Florence into Hall of Fame

The Texas High School Coaches Association, an organization that is committed to helping coaches be the best they can be for the benefit of the 1.5 million student-athletes in Texas, recently honored five school leaders who were inducted into their Hall of Fame. The THSCA named Joey Florence, who joined Denton ISD 20 years ago, as one of their distinguished recent recipients for his work and career in education.

Coach Florence graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1989. He served as an assistant coach at Sulphur Springs and Marcus before becoming one of the youngest head coaches in the state when he was named head coach at Cooper in 1994 at age 28. Joey Florence never had a losing season or missed the playoffs in his 20-year head coaching career.

His first head coaching job in 1994 at 2A Cooper saw his teams make the playoffs all 6 years and he amassed a 53-16 record. He quickly established Denton Ryan High as a premier football power when he came in 2000. In his first year, he led a team, who had won only one game the previous year, to a 12-3 record and an appearance in the 2000 Class 4A Division I state championship game.

The next two seasons cemented Ryan High School's stature at the top as the Raiders posted a 30-1 record en route to winning the 4A state championships in 2001 and 2002, becoming the district's first athletic program to win back-to-back state championships. Mr. Florence never stopped winning and led the Raiders to 4A state championship appearances in 2003 and again in 2010.

At Ryan High, Coach Florence became one of only eight active head coaches with 200 or more victories in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, recording his milestone 200th win against Flower Mound Marcus in 2013. His career record is 205-53.

Coach Florence was named athletic director for Denton ISD in January 2014. As an athletic leader, he has been a guest speaker for numerous conferences, including Nike Coach of the Year Clinic, DFW Coaches Clinic, Texas Tech Spring Clinic and many others. He served on the THSCA Board of Directors from 2006-2009.

Known for his passionate nature for student success, both on and off the field, Denton ISD is honored to recognize Joey Florence for this lifetime achievement.