

Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame



Mario Diez
Supervisor of Health and Physical Education,
Director of Athletics, Head Baseball Coach
1979-2013

The changes Mario Diez made as Watchung Hills Supervisor of Health and Physical Education were both positive and sweeping. He set into motion an elective program designed to promote participation in a wide variety of individual and group activities that would enhance the overall fitness of all students as well as cultivate skills that could be enjoyed over a lifetime.

His contributions to his field were recognized when he was called upon to serve on the initial State of New Jersey Department of Education Committee that developed the Core Curriculum Content Standards for Comprehensive Health and Physical Education.

Mario Diez's record as head baseball coach from 1980 to 1998, and from 2004 to 2013 was outstanding, compiling 476 victories. His teams captured 3 State Championships, 4 Somerset County Championships, and 7 Skyland Conference Championships. Mario himself received 10 Coach of the Year Awards.

Coach Diez served as President of the New Jersey Baseball Coaches Association from 1995 to 1999. He was inducted into the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Hall of Fame in 1995 and was named to the New Jersey Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2004.