

Winnetonka's Kirk Stegeman Named Boys Basketball Coach of the Year

Winnetonka High School's own Coach Kirk Stegeman is honored with the prestigious 2023-2024 MSHSAA/NFHS Coach of the Year award for boys' basketball. Coach Stegeman was surprised with the announcement Friday, Sept. 6, during the school's Fall Sports Assembly.

This is the first time a Winnetonka Boys' Basketball coach has been named Coach of the Year. This follows a record 27-7 season for the team. The Griffins won the Class 5 District 8 championship and made their first appearance ever in the Final Four.

The team hasn't lost a home game since 1/17/23. Stegeman starts his fourth year coaching at Winnetonka and has shown exceptional leadership and dedication to his players. Coach Stegeman said, "I was really excited. Winnetonka is a great place, I'm honored and really proud of our school."

As a recipient of the Coach of the Year award, Coach Stegeman is now eligible for further recognition at the Section Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year levels. The Coach of the Year Recognition Program is a partnership between MSHSAA and the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS).

This honor highlights not only Coach Stegeman's outstanding coaching abilities but also the strong support and commitment of the Winnetonka and North Kansas City Schools community.

