

2025 Pierce Spring Football

Parent Information Handout

Spring football is a short 4-week season open to only 7th graders. This can be viewed as an introductory season to our ‘school ball system,’ which is different from Pop Warner, AYP, AAU, USA Football, etc. We have multiple varsity coaches from Merrillville HS, as well as the head varsity coach, that come down to work with the players to get a better understanding of what we expect and how we develop.

There are no actual football games that we play, we have a total of 4 separate scrimmages that will be during the last two weeks of the season. We will play multiple conference opponents each scrimmage. Unlike youth football, there is no mandatory play time. We try to get everyone some sort of playing time in accordance with their attendance and work ethic in practice, as well as their grades and behavior in school.

Cost: \$100 (covers equipment, travel, etc)

Important Dates

- Early equipment pickup date: March 27
 - First practice: April 7
 - Scrimmage dates:
 - April 28 @ Kahler MS
 - May 1 @ Hanover Central HS
 - May 5 @ Hanover Central HS
 - May 8 @ Merrillville HS
 - Equipment turn-in date May 9
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Coaches

Brad Seiss (Head Varsity Coach)
Pat Winters (Varsity LB Coach)
Cam Mitchell (Freshman DB Coach)

Andrew Vander Woude (Head MS Coach)
Dontrell Pope (Varsity Asst DL Coach)
Eric Jackson (Asst MS Coach)

Any questions please direct to Coach Vander Woude
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