Aspiring Athletic Directors FAQ

What is Aspiring Athletic Directors?

Aspiring Athletic Directors, formerly known as the Athletic Director Academy, is a year-long program designed for individuals interested in the high school athletic director role within Forsyth County Schools. This program aims to identify and train potential candidates for future athletic director positions in the district.

Participants in the program will learn how to manage and oversee the school's athletic programs, ensuring that these programs align with the school's mission and comply with all relevant regulations. Responsibilities include budgeting, scheduling, staff management, and effective stakeholder communication. Additionally, the program emphasizes the importance of fostering a positive and inclusive athletic culture while ensuring the safety and academic eligibility of student-athletes.

Who Should Apply?

Any current certified schoolteacher with a background in high school sports and knowledge of the Georgia High School Athletic Association is encouraged to apply, especially those interested in athletic leadership. Candidates must possess a passion for athletic administration, overseeing compliance with local and state governing bodies, ensuring adherence to rules, and promoting the overall success of the school's sports programs.

What is the Timeline for Applying?

Aspiring Athletic Administrators program applications will be available electronically from May 5th to May 23rd. Candidates will be notified by Friday, May 30th, whether they have been accepted into the 2025-2026 program. Classes will begin on August 21st and occur monthly throughout the upcoming school year.

What is in the Program?

- **Job Description**: Detailed description of the role of Forsyth County High School Athletic Director.
- **Nuts and Bolts**: Essential aspects of the job.
- **Administrative Expectations**: Overview of administrative duties.
- **Portfolio Journal**: Participants will maintain a journal documenting their experiences shadowing current Athletic Directors.

Project Requirements

- **Mandatory Attendance**: Attend all 8 cohort meetings, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m.
- **Meetings with Assigned AD**: You should meet with your assigned athletic director three times during the year (fall, winter, and spring).
- **Event Participation**:
    - Work at one Varsity football game.
    - Work at one Varsity basketball game.
    - Work at two spring events.
    - Attend a road game.
- **Shadowing**:
    - Shadow your assigned Athletic Director for an entire day.

    - Spend one day shadowing a sitting AD from another district high school and cover an event with the AD from another school in the district.
- **District Meeting**: Attend a District Athletic Director meeting.
- **Reflection Journals**: After each event, write a reflection in a journal about the events, what you learned, the experiences you observed, and what you can take from the experience.

These activities are designed to provide comprehensive exposure to the responsibilities and experiences of an Athletic Director. Your participation and reflections will be invaluable in your professional development.

Additional Information

Being part of the AD cohort does not necessarily mean you are the hand-picked candidate for your school. Instead, it signifies that the Administration recognizes your potential. Completing this program will make you a stronger candidate for an AD position at any of the seven Forsyth County High Schools.

Questions: Contact -

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