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## Academy ISD Announces Head Volleyball Coach

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Academy ISD has officially announced that Elizabeth "Liz" Boyer will take the helm of the Academy High School volleyball program for the 2026–2027 season. Currently serving as a teacher and coach at Academy Middle School, Boyer's move to the high school ranks marks a meaningful homecoming for the district standout, who is a proud alumna of Academy High School.

Boyer returns to the Lady Bees' sideline with a championship pedigree spanning nearly two decades of coaching, including 15 years as a head volleyball coach. Her tenure at Belton ISD was highlighted by a 2022 District Championship and two District Coach of the Year honors, mirroring her success at Canton ISD, where she also secured two district titles and multiple Coach of the Year awards. Throughout her career, Boyer has become known not only for her ability to develop athletes and build competitive programs but also for her commitment to community involvement, founding youth "Little Spikers" programs and organizing charitable awareness games.

Academy ISD Athletic Director Steve Hoffman cited Boyer's professionalism and leadership style as key factors in the hire. "Coach Boyer brings a level of organization and structure to the sport that is immediate and impactful," Hoffman said. "She has a unique ability to connect with her athletes and pull the absolute best out of her players, and we are thrilled to see that energy directed toward our high school program."

The appointment represents a strong connection between the school's proud tradition and its future. Academy ISD Superintendent Darla Nolen noted that Boyer's history with the district—both as a student and as a teacher/coach—makes her an ideal fit to lead the next generation of athletes. "Bringing an alumna in to lead our young women is a special opportunity for this district," said Nolen. "Coach Boyer understands the expectations of excellence within our program firsthand, and we look forward to her building upon that legacy on the court."

Boyer, a graduate of Howard Payne University, has been a staple in the Texas coaching community since 2007. Her appointment marks a new chapter for the Lady Bees, as the district looks to build on her proven track record of postseason success.

"I am deeply honored to lead the Lady Bees and give back to the community where it all began for me," Boyer said. "I am committed to building a program that honors that legacy through relentless hard work and a shared sense of purpose." She is supported by her husband, Brandon, and their three children: Dylan, Aydan, and Maddy. With her family by her side, Liz Boyer is ready to lead the Lady Bees forward.