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Carroll ISD Names Aaron Ford as Head Golf Coach

Southlake, TX - Carroll ISD is pleased to announce the hiring of Aaron Ford as the next Head Golf Coach for Dragon Golf, bringing with him a proven record of success at the high school and collegiate levels.

Ford joins Carroll ISD after serving as Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach at Vandegrift High School since 2022, where he guided one of Texas' premier golf programs. Under his leadership, Vandegrift's girls golf team captured back-to-back UIL Class 6A State Championships in 2023 and 2024, followed by a state runner-up finish in 2025 and a third-place finish in 2026.

"We are excited to welcome Coach Ford to Carroll ISD," said Superintendent Dr. Jeremy Glenn. "His experience developing student-athletes, building championship-caliber programs and fostering excellence both on and off the course make him an outstanding fit for Dragon Golf."



Prior to Vandegrift, Ford served as Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach at Georgetown High School and spent three years as Head Men's and Women's Golf Coach at Concordia University Texas. His collegiate coaching experience also includes serving as Director of Golf and Women's Head Golf Coach at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

Among his many accomplishments, Ford was named the 2024 Texas High School Coaches Association Girls Golf Coach of the Year and the 2023-24 National Federation of State High School Associations Girls Golf Coach of the Year. His coaching résumé includes multiple state championship teams, NCAA Division III national success and conference championships at the collegiate level.

For Ford, the move to Carroll ISD is both a professional opportunity and a family decision. He and his wife, Ashley were looking to move to the Dallas-Fort Worth area with their two small children to be closer to extended family. The

opportunity to join a district widely recognized for its excellence in academics and athletics ultimately made Carroll ISD the ideal fit, Ford said.

"I'm excited to take over such a historic golf program," Ford said. "When we started looking at schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, Carroll stood out because of its reputation, not only for academic and athletic excellence, but also for providing teachers and coaches with everything they need to be successful."

"I'm hopeful my experience will help our program take the next step, compete for championships, continue developing outstanding young people and set our student-athletes up for success long after high school," Ford said.

A graduate of Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Ford earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Science Education and later completed a master's degree in Educational Leadership.

Ford will assume leadership of the Dragon golf program ahead of the 2026-27 school year.

Carroll ISD's golf program has a long tradition of success, including numerous district, regional and state-level accomplishments. Ford's championship experience and commitment to student development position the Dragons to continue competing among the state's elite programs.

"Coach Ford could not be joining Carroll Athletics at a better time," said Carroll ISD Board President Cam Bryan. "We've just won our 10th Lone Star Cup, and our athletics program received the inaugural Texas Cup for 2025-26. Bringing Coach Ford into Dragon Nation adds another proven championship-caliber leader to an already outstanding tradition of excellence. His track record of developing student-athletes and building successful programs makes him a great fit for Carroll ISD, and we are excited to see the impact he will have on our golf program and our students."

