

Athletic Department Philosophy Statement For Joshua L. Griffith

1. The athletic department at Climax Springs R-IV schools should provide students with opportunities to participate in sports in a demanding and competitive environment that helps them develop the lifelong skills of dedication and teamwork.
2. A successful athletic program should provide the necessary motivation for students to be successful with the opportunity to play as well as being an incentive for them to perform well in and out of the classroom.
3. A successful athletic program is also beneficial to the community as it provides avenues to bring back alumni, makes the school marketable for new families, and instills a sense of pride among members of the community. As Athletic Director, I will be diligent to work with the community to build relationships to ensure that the program is a benefit to the community as much as it benefits the students and school.
4. I believe that athletes are students first and that coaches should be preparing these students for success in the classroom as much as success on the field or court. Academics will remain and be a priority for all of our students and coaches.
5. As the athletic director, I will strive to work with veteran coaches as well as mentoring younger coaches to provide the quality coaching that our student athletes need and deserve.
6. I believe that the Athletic Department should be invested in the youth level programs within the district. One avenue for quality performance at the secondary level, is for students to gain experience at the elementary level. The most successful programs invest in the youth programs by providing opportunities for development and competition at those levels.