

Hopkins Boys Basketball Program

Coach/Player Overview

The **varsity coach** will follow the discretion provided by the Hopkins High School Athletic Director. He will understand that he represents his family, school, teammates, and community as the leader of the Hopkins Vikings Boys Basketball Program. He must be an effective communicator who demonstrates a genuine love and respect for the players and coaches in the basketball program. He must know the program is bigger than himself or any one member. He must also be committed to the process of building a program of academic, athletic, and personal excellence both on and off the court.

The **coaching staff** will understand, support, and demonstrate the mission and philosophy of what is being asked of the players in the basketball program. They will follow the leadership and direction provided by the varsity coach and the head coach at each respective level. They will understand that they represent their family, the school, the players, the players' families, and the community while helping to build a program of academic, athletic, and personal excellence both on and off the court.

The **players** selected to be members of the basketball program will recognize that they are representing their family, school, community, and self at all times. With this understanding, they will represent each group in a manner that shows respect, sound judgment, a positive attitude, and a teachable spirit. These attributes will lead the players, individually and collectively, to academic and athletic excellence.

- **Varsity players** will be looked to for leadership throughout the entire program. Through the words they speak, actions they show, attitudes they present, and effort they put forth, they will determine how effective and successful our program will be.
- **Junior varsity players** will be held to the same standard as the varsity players. This is with the understanding that they are learning and growing with the hopes of being able to make the varsity team someday.
- **Freshman players** will be expected to show a desire and eagerness to learn from the J.V. and varsity players. Their commitment to learning how to be a positive and productive member of their team and the overall program will help determine the future success of the program.