

MESSAGE FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Welcome Letter from Watonga High School/Middle School Athletic Director

Dear Parents and Students

The Watonga Public Schools Athletic Department is committed to the overall vision and mission of the school. The department strives to have its athletes reach their full potential in all areas of the athletic experience academically, socially, and through the realm of competition. Athletes are held to the athletic code and also to academic requirements.

The athletic department is anxiously anticipating the next season and is excited to have the opportunity to work with you. Student athletes will experience some of the most rewarding moments in their lives, as they become involved in the athletic program at Watonga.

Student athletes are striving to succeed in two demanding areas simultaneously – academics and athletics. Student athletes have the responsibility of developing and working toward an educational goal as well as training in their sport. The athletic department encourages excellence in the classroom stressing **STUDENT** first in the student athlete.

The coaches at Watonga are professionals. They make judgments and decisions based on what they believe is best for everyone involved. Team strategy, playing time, other players, etc., should be left to the discretion of the coach. ***Please do not attempt to confront a coach before, during, or after a game.*** This time can be emotional for all. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution therefore should be scheduled at a more appropriate time. Dialogue with the coach by your child is not only encouraged but expected.

I hope your experience with the Watonga Schools Athletic Program is a successful and enjoyable one. You can contact me at jzehr@watonga.k12.ok.us for any further information. Go Eagles!

Respectfully,

Joel Zehr

Watonga Public Schools Athletic Director