

## THE NEXT STEP

What can a parent do if the meeting with the coach did not provide a satisfactory resolution?

1. Call and set up an appointment with the Activities Director to discuss the situation.
2. At this meeting, the appropriate next step can be determined

Since research indicates a student involved in extra-curricular activities has a greater chance for success during adulthood, these programs have been established and encouraged. Many of the character traits required to be a successful participant are exactly those that will promote a successful life after high school. We hope the information provided within this pamphlet helps to make the experience less stressful and more enjoyable for both you and your child.

Troy follows the administrative levels below. We ask that you observe it if you elect to pursue any concern you may have regarding the athletic program.

1. Coach
2. Activities Director
3. Building Principal

Visit [troy.k12.mo.us](http://troy.k12.mo.us) and go to Activities Calendar to view sports schedules. Parents, coaches, athletes, families and friends can also sign-up for email notifications of sporting event changes.

## THE TROJAN COACHING STAFF

### **Baseball**

Andrew Elmendorf

### **Boys Basketball**

Ryan Meyers

### **Girls Basketball**

Damond Lacy

### **Boys Cross Country**

Kevin Campbell

### **Girls Cross Country**

Ashley Gevecker

### **Football**

Ryan Nesbitt

### **Boys Golf**

Myron Daw

### **Girls Tennis**

Matt Summers

### **Girls Golf**

Sarah Howell

### **Boys Soccer**

Chad Baldwin

### **Girls Soccer**

Chad Baldwin

### **Softball**

Lance Richardson

### **Boys Tennis**

Matt Summers

### **Boys Track**

Mark Wiggins

### **Girls Track**

Lane Carl

### **Girls Volleyball**

Lane Carl

### **Wrestling**

Pat Nichols

### **Cheerleading**

Elise Kile

### **Dance Team**

Emily Rhoads

### **Administration**

#### **Principal**

Dr. Jerry Raines

#### **Activities Office**

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# Troy Buchanan High School Activities



## PARENT/COACH

## COMMUNICATION

Making a Difference;  
Changing Lives

### **PARENT/COACH RELATIONSHIP**

We are very pleased that your son/daughter has chosen to participate in the Troy Buchanan Athletic Program. We will do all we can to provide a positive experience for them. Possibly the most important ingredient to achieve this outcome is to insure that lines of communication are developed that allow for free and easy resolution of questions before they become conflicts. As a parent, you have the right to know what expectations are placed on your son/daughter. This brochure is intended to spell out all levels of communication so that parents, coaches, and athletes are aware of the steps available to resolve anything, which might become an issue.

### **COMMUNICATION COACHES EXPECT FROM PARENTS**

1. Concerns expressed directly to the coach FIRST.
2. Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advanced.
3. Specific concern in regard to a coach's philosophy and/or expectations.

As your child becomes involved in the various programs at Troy Buchanan High School, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their life. It is important to understand that there are also times when decisions may not be in accordance with your child's wishes. At these times, discussion with the coach (or teacher for that matter) may be desirable to clear up the issue and avoid any misunderstanding.

### **TOPICS UNDER THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE COACHES**

1. Playing time.
2. Team strategy.
3. Play calling.
4. Matters concerning other student-athletes.

There are situations that may require a conference between the coach and the parent. These are to be encouraged. It is important that both parties involved have a clear understanding of the other person's position. When these conferences are necessary, the following procedure should be followed to help promote a resolution to the issue of concern.

### **COMMUNICATION YOU SHOULD EXPECT FROM YOUR CHILD'S COACH**

1. Philosophy of the coach.
2. Expectations of the coach for your child.
3. Locations and time of all practices and contests.
4. Team requirements, i.e., fees, equipment, off-season conditioning, etc.
5. Procedure to follow should your child become injured during participation.
6. Participants conduct code and discipline that results in the denial of your child's participation.
7. Requirements to earn a letter.
8. Disposition of lost/outstanding equipment at the end of the season.

### **APPROPRIATE CONCERNS TO DISCUSS WITH COACHES**

1. The treatment of your child, mentally and physically.
2. Ways to help your child improve.
3. Concerns about your child's behavior.

It is very difficult to accept the fact that your child is not playing as much as you would want. Coaches are professionals. They make judgment decisions based on what they believe to be best for all students involved. As you have seen from the list above, certain things can be discussed with your child's coach. Other topics, such as those following must be left to the discretion of the coach.

### **IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN TO DISCUSS WITH A COACH, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE BELOW:**

1. Call to set up an appointment. Troy Buchanan High School number is (636) 462-5164.
2. If the coach cannot be reached after a reasonable time, call Jason Smith, Activities Director. He will arrange the appointment for you.
3. **Please do not attempt to confront a coach before or after a contest or practice. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach, and meeting of this nature do not promote resolution.**