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## WHERE DOES ATHLETICS FIT INTO THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM?

We have all been there; sitting through another staff development day, wondering where does this wonderful information fit in with athletics and my team? Ironically, the question often asked by administrators is where does athletics fit into the educational system and does it need to be included during the school day?

Every new school year we are greeted with fresh educational terms such as this year's topic of High School Redesign often laced with acronyms and terms such as Small Learning Communities (SLC), PLC, IPG, IEP, PT, AIM, STAR, Benchmarks, Advisory, Teaming, Learning Walks, Principals of Learning, Best Practices, and Clear Expectations, just to list a few. A playbook is almost needed for teachers to decipher acronyms and their implications.

High School Redesign came about because research conducted by experts concluded that high schools have become too large, and as a result they are impersonal, out of touch with the needs of students, and communication with parents and community is close to non-existent. The end results are showing students graduate unprepared for college and/or the workforce.

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# 2007-08 Cross Country Champions

## Conference 1A



Lindsay High School

## Conference 2A



Wall High School

## Conference 3A



Humble Kingwood Park High School

## Conference 4A



Hereford High School

## Conference 5A



Southlake Carroll High School

### Five TGCA Coaches win State in Cross Country

Congratulations Cross Country Championship teams and coaches!

Conference	School	Coach
1A	Lindsay	Robin Hess
2A	Wall	Jeremy Williams
3A	Humble Kingwood Park	Brittney Lanehart
4A	Hereford	Ray Baca
5A	Southlake Carroll	Robert Ondrasek

# 2007-08 Volleyball Champions

## Conference 1A



Windthorst High School

## Conference 2A



Bushland High School

## Conference 3A



Wimberley High School

## Conference 4A



Waco Midway High School

## Conference 5A



Amarillo High School

### Five TGCA Coaches win State in Volleyball

Congratulations Volleyball Championship teams and coaches!

Conference	School	Coach
1A	Windthorst	Stacy Wolf
2A	Bushland	Makesha Maupin
3A	Wimberley	Lee Grisham
4A	Waco Midway	Janet Angell
5A	Amarillo	Janice Barker

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## Where Does Athletics Fit Into the Educational System? cont.

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Wait a minute; have any of these experts analyzed coaches and their athletic classes? It is time for a “learning walk” through a typical athletic class and a view of how the concepts of High School Redesign are being realized.

Let us start at the beginning of the school year and allow the year to unfold. The athletic director meets with their head coaches and then coaches disseminate information to their assistants. The first weeks of coaching practice include assessing talent through skill work and team play. Practices, offenses, and defenses are planned, tweaked, and reassessed according to the current skill levels and success is measured during early season scrimmages.

Coaches always approach the new season with the highest of expectations, but are quick to step back and re-teach fundamentals when blessed with inexperienced teams. The same coaches are also quick to implement more difficult schemes when a large talent pool is available. Differentiated instruction to be sure. Now peering through this small window of what actually transpires during an athletic class spectators will witness: PLC, Benchmark, AIM, IPG, and Teaming in action.

Another peek weeks later would catch sight of a finely tuned machine. Teams of twelve to twenty student athletes are seen setting up and starting their warm-up routines without guidance due to the proper modeling, reinforcement, and discipline used in the opening days. Effortless transitions into drills where new strategies, and other team concepts are relayed and assimilated can be seen happening on the spot.

Off the court, coaches are scheduling individual talks, where they assess roles; goal set, and relate philosophy with clear expectations for the season. Weekly monitoring of grades for eligibility and an open door policy when a child needs to talk are commonplace. The terms Advisory, SLC, IEP, PT, Best Practice, and Clear Expectation should come to mind as they are all represented in this second peak.

No matter what time of year evaluators want to catch a glimpse of the coaching world, we as coaches are doing EXACTLY what the administrators want the classroom teacher to accomplish with High School Redesign. The truth being that we have been doing this for decades should not surprise the seasoned coach. In fact, after close examination of a typical day in athletics, one would agree that YES, high school athletics not only “fits” into the school day but should be considered a leader and a model for the modern day High School Redesign.

There is a reason that teachers who do not coach envy the discipline, the focus, the production, and the rapport we as coaches achieve with our student athletes. It is because we have been honing the system that administrators are now finding successful for years.

Great job coaches!



**Lynn Pool**  
**TGCA**  
**Second Vice-President**

## 2008 TGCA Summer Clinic

### Arlington Convention Center - July 7-11, 2008

*TGCA is proud to announce the following changes for our summer clinic:*

- 1) TGCA ALL-STARS will be housed at UT Arlington.
- 2) All Star Games will be played at the following venues:  
**Volleyball and Basketball** - Grand Prairie High School, 101 High School Drive Grand Prairie.  
**Softball** - Workman Softball Complex, 701 East Arbroom Drive, Arlington
- 3) Please check out the 2008 Clinic Schedule (available at [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com)) for the schedule changes TGCA has made to better serve our coaches.
- 4) Beginning March 10th you will have access to the online hotel registration for the 2008 clinic. Be sure to register for your hotel rooms early!!!
- 5) TGCA is proud to announce the new Softball Sponsors for our 2008 Softball All-Stars:  
**Russell/Spalding and Reebok.**

Volleyball and Cross Country All-State and Academic All State certificates were mailed to your High School Principals on January 9th. If for some reason you do not receive these certificates, please contact Lisa at [lisa@austintgca.com](mailto:lisa@austintgca.com) or Susan at [susan@austintgca.com](mailto:susan@austintgca.com).

### Don't forget to nominate for the following awards:

#### Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year

Give your Sub-Varsity Coach the recognition he/she deserves and nominate them for Sub-Varsity Coach of the Year. The deadline for these nominations will be May 5th.

#### Hall of Fame

The Texas Girls Coaches Association honors coaches who have been active members, past or present, of the TGCA, the Texas Volleyball Coaches Association or the Texas High School Girls Track Association. The nominee should have made major contributions to TGCA and the coaching profession. Nomination forms can be found on the TGCA Web site under forms.

#### Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award

Any TGCA member in good standing is able to nominate a person outside of the coaching profession, for the Margaret McKown Distinguished Service Award. This candidate needs to have made outstanding contributions to Girls' Athletics. Nomination forms can be found on the TGCA Web site under forms.

## Important Dates and Announcements - 2007-08 School Year

### February

- 2 Swimming - District certification deadline
- 2 Wrestling - District certification deadline
- 8 - 9 Swimming - Regional meets
- 8 - 9 Wrestling - Regional meets
- 9 Basketball - District certification deadline
- 11 Softball - First day for interschool games
- 11 - 12 Basketball - Bi-district, all conferences
- 18 - 19 Basketball - Regional quarterfinals
- 22-23 Swimming - Swimming & Diving: State Meet
- 22-23 Wrestling - State meet
- 22-23 Basketball - Regional
- 25 Deadline for TGCA Basketball Honors Nominations
- 28 - 3/1 Basketball - State Tournament

### March

- 18 Soccer - District certification deadline, 4A
- 20-22 Soccer - Bi-district, 4A
- 22 Soccer - District certification deadline, 5A
- 24-25 Soccer - Area, 4A; Bi-district 5A
- 27-29 Soccer - Regional quarterfinals, 4A; Area 5A
- 31 - 4/1 Soccer - Regional Semi-Finals, 4A: Regional Quarterfinals 5A
- 31-4/5 Track & Field - First week for district meets, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A.
- Golf & Tennis - First week for district meets, all conferences

### April

- 4 Soccer - Regional semi-finals, 5A
- 5 Soccer - Regional playoff deadline, 4A & 5A
- 5 Track & Field - District certification deadline, 1A
- 7 Soccer - TGCA Deadline for Soccer Academic All State nomination forms. **(Noon)**
- 7-9 Track & Field - Last week for district meets, 2A, 3A, 4A & 5A.
- 7-9 Golf & Tennis - Last week for district meets, all conferences.
- 9 Track & Field - Area certification deadline 1A.
- 10-12 Soccer - State Tournament
- 21-26 Golf & Tennis - Regional meets (No 3A regional spring meet athletic activities may be held on Thursday, April 24).
- Track & Field - Regional meets (No 3A regional spring meet athletic activities may be held on Thursday, April 24).
- 22 Softball - District Certification deadline
- 26 Softball - Bi-district deadline.
- 28 Golf - TGCA - Deadline for Golf Academic All-State Nominations. **(Noon)**

### LaQuinta - Official Hotel of TGCA

Coaches, teams and fans can receive preferred rates through the La Quinta toll-free central reservations number 1-800-531-5900. This rate will also apply to reservations made directly with LaQuinta hotels, as well as, via the internet at [www.lq.com](http://www.lq.com) using the corporate/promotional code of TGCA. These rates are good for both business and leisure travel, seven days a week, for standard and king bedded room types coast to coast.



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#### TGCA on the Web

Polls, as well as other current information, can be found on the TGCA Web site at: [www.austintgca.com](http://www.austintgca.com).

#### Did you move?

Please notify the TGCA office if your school, home address, telephone number or coaching assignment changes.

#### UIL eligibility / Sport rule questions

If you have any questions on eligibility or sport rule interpretations, contact the UIL at (512) 471-5883.



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