



**David Park**  
Decatur High School

40+ years of coaching experience. The last 21 years at Decatur High School.

1981

- I started teaching/coaching in Keller I.S.D in the fall of 1981 at the age of 20. I was told at the time that I was the youngest teacher in the state of Texas at that time.

1986

- Became the head track coach at Keller High School.

1988

- I added Cross-Country to become the Head Cross-Country/ Head Track Coach.

1993

- We won our first district title in track & cross-country.

1994

- I qualified for my first Boston Marathon.

1996

- I left teaching/coaching at Keller High School and worked in Structural Engineering at a local Firm.

1998

- I returned to Keller High School teaching/coaching.

2000

- First cross-country team to advance to state at Keller High School

2004

- Joined the teaching and coaching staff at Decatur High School

2005

- First State Cross-Country Championship with Decatur High School
- 3A Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas

2008

- The DHS girls' cross-country team won the state championship and set the 3A state record for the fewest points scored at the state meet; this record still stands.

- 1A, 2A, and 3A Coach of the Year by the Texas Girls Coaches Association
- 3A Cross-Country Girls Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas

#### 2009

- Girls cross-country team becomes back-to-back state champions
- Named 3A Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas

#### 2012

- DHS boys cross country wins the 3A State Championship
- Named 3A Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas

#### 2013

- State Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools
- Southwest United States Coach of the Year by the National Federation of High Schools.

#### 2014

- Inducted into the Keller Independent School District Athletic Hall of Fame
- Joins a national program sponsored by the shoe company Brooks, Brooks I.D. (Inspire Daily) Coaches Program

#### 2015

- Keller High School Track & Field Meet named "The Dave Park Relays." This meet was named after me.

#### 2018

- DHS boys Cross-Country team wins the 4A State Championship
- DHS girl's team were State runner-ups
- 4A Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas

#### 2019

- DHS boys team wins back-to-back State titles
- 4A Cross-Country Coach of the Year by the Cross-Country Coaches Association of Texas.

#### 2023

- I was inducted to the Decatur Independent School District Hall of Fame

#### 2025

- My book, Focal Point, was released in March. It is about reaching goals and raising leaders.

Professional Summary to Date:

52 Varsity District Championship Teams in Cross-Country or Track & Field

27 Different State Qualifying Teams

Numerous Individual state champions and qualifiers.

For 18 years in a row, at least one team competed at the State Cross-Country Championships

15 State podium teams (First, Second, or Third).

6 State Champion Teams

10 State or National Coach of the Year honors.

A member of the Brooks National Inspire Daily coaches program.

3 Hall of Fame inductions.