



Blaine HOOPS Honoring Our Outstanding Performance in School

Blaine Youth Basketball is pleased to continue the program to recognize student achievement in the classroom. The Blaine HOOPS Program recognizes Blaine boys' basketball players for their outstanding work in the classroom during the trimester that covers basketball season. This program will be for 2nd grade through 8th grade boys who participate in either Blaine traveling or in-house basketball programs. To qualify all participants must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA or equivalent during the 1st trimester.

Why did we start the Blaine HOOPS Program?

As athletes, less than 1% of Blaine basketball players will play in the NBA. This program is a nice reminder that they are Student-Athletes: students first, athletes next and that grades are an important part of life. Participating in youth sports teaches valuable life lessons, including time management, working with others, leadership, work ethic and setting short term and long term goals. These skills are all important in the classroom and beyond and this program reinforces that. The Blaine HOOPS Program will emphasize the importance of working just as hard or harder in the classroom than on the court.

How do the players get into the Blaine HOOPS Program?

It is the responsibility of the parents of the student-athletes with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent to fill out the required form (found on the website). This should be submitted with a copy of the student-athlete's report card. Send both forms to: BlaineHOOPS@yahoo.com. All submissions will go to the HOOPS Committee to process for recognition. *If there are special considerations for your student-athlete (i.e. alternate grading methodology, IEP, etc.) please include a note with your submission and the committee will review on a case by case basis.

Who is the HOOPS Committee?

The HOOPS Committee consists of adult volunteers who have a child in the Blaine Basketball program. Each year the volunteers will change. These volunteers will be in charge of planning the recognition for the players that are eligible, getting the information on the website, and checking all of the submission forms that are turned in. The 2019-2020 committee co-chairs are Laurie Curnow and Dana Frederick. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us at: BlaineHOOPS@yahoo.com

What will student-athletes receive as recognition?

This year student-athletes who qualify will receive a HOOPS t-shirt and certificate given by the HOOPS Committee. The form of recognition could change yearly.

Where/how will student-athletes be recognized?

Student-athletes will be recognized at the end of year event, in March 2020 (date TBD) at Anoka Ramsey Community College.