

## **Mark Heagle**

The journey that led me to become a basketball official started in high school when I played. I love the game and so, after high school, I started coaching basketball at the middle school level and officiating intramural basketball at the college I attended. I was blessed with opportunities to move into coaching positions at the girls JV level and assisted at the varsity level for both girls and boys. When my wife and I started our family, I made the adjustment to officiating in order to stay involved in the game.

I have been officiating basketball for over 20 years at both the high school and local JV college levels. To date I've been able to work up to the state quarterfinal level of the MHSAA tournament. I've been fortunate to work with a great crew for many of those years which has helped me improve and grow.

My professional career of 25 years has blended well with basketball officiating as I work in public education. I enjoy working with students of all ages as they set goals and compete on the playing floor. This connection pushes me to stay involved at lower levels including elementary basketball camps and freshmen/JV summer camps.

I couldn't do this alone and am very thankful for my supportive wife and our three children - two of whom are now in college and one of whom is in high school. Their support and encouragement allow me to continue giving back to student-athletes and the game of basketball through officiating.