

Austin Riebel

Head Coach

West Michigan Aviation Academy Boys' Basketball

Coaching Experience: 24 years

- Godwin Heights HS - Asst. Varsity Coach 98-99 (1 year)
- West Catholic HS - JV Head Coach 00-04; Varsity Head Coach 04-08 (8 years)
- Forest Hills Central HS - Asst. Varsity Coach 08-18 (10 years)
- West Michigan Aviation Academy - Asst Varsity Coach 18-20; Varsity Head Coach 20-Current (5 years)

Personal/Family/Career Work:

Austin has been married for 23 years to Amy, who has encouraged him to pursue his passion to coach and lead young men through the game of basketball. Together, they have 3 boys: Joey 18 (Spring Arbor Univ), Luke 16 (WMAA - 11th) and Johnny 13 (Duncan Lake MS - 8th). A major highlight in Austin's life has been coaching his sons at the HS level! For two years he coached Joey and Luke together at WMAA, and this year is his 3rd year coaching Luke, and looks forward to the privilege of doing the same with Johnny.

Austin has dedicated his professional life to educating and leading young people. He spent 17 years of his professional career (10 years as a Special Ed Teacher, 7 as a 6th grade teacher) teaching at Godwin Heights Public Schools. Following a passion to create Social-Emotional Learning tools for teachers, Austin left teaching in the classroom and became the Vice-President of TrueSuccess Inc., creating character building and social-emotional learning content for schools. Over the past 8 years, he has had the honor and privilege of serving approximately 1,000 teachers/administrators and 25,000 students annually with the rewarding work of supporting "difference makers" in the lives of young people around the State of Michigan.