

Ithaca/Weston Middle School - Wrestling Coach

Position Title: Middle School Wrestling Coach (Grades 6–8)

Location: 24615 State Hwy 58, Richland Center, WI 53581

Season Duration: Winter Season

Employment Type: Seasonal / Stipend

Reports To: Head Wrestling Coach and Athletic Directors

Position Overview

Ithaca/Weston Athletics is seeking a dynamic, organized, and technique-driven Middle School Wrestling Coach to lead our middle school program for the upcoming winter season. The coach will oversee all aspects of the program (grades 6–8), focusing heavily on recruitment, introducing fundamental wrestling mechanics, ensuring student-athlete safety, and building a positive culture that feeds into the high school program.

The ideal candidate understands how to balance competitive growth with an environment that makes kids want to return to the sport year after year.

Key Responsibilities

- **Program Leadership:** Plan, organize, and run daily practices focused on foundational movements, physical conditioning, and mat strategy appropriate for middle school athletes.
- **Administration & Scheduling:** Manage meet logistics, team rosters, weight check-ins, transportation details, and regular communication with parents and the Athletic Director.
- **Safety & Skin Health:** Enforce strict mat hygiene and cleaning protocols. Educate athletes on proper skin checks and ensure a safe environment to prevent injuries.
- **Staff Management:** Direct and mentor any assistant or volunteer middle school coaches to ensure unified instruction.
- **Varsity Alignment:** Work closely with the Varsity Head Coach to ensure terminology, core drilling styles, and basic philosophies align with the high school program.
- **Meets/Tournaments:** Oversee the team at all weekday dual meets and select Saturday tournament events.

Qualifications & Requirements

- **Experience:** Competitive wrestling experience (high school or college) is required. Prior coaching experience at the youth, middle school, or high school level is highly preferred.
- **Certifications:** Must hold or be willing to obtain valid First Aid/CPR/AED certifications prior to the start of the season.
- **Compliance:** Must successfully pass all school district criminal background checks and fingerprinting. Completion of state-mandated concussion and safety modules is required before taking the mat.
- **Leadership Skills:** Strong organizational skills, excellent parental communication, and a proven ability to motivate and positively discipline middle school-aged students.

Compensation

- This position includes a coach seasonal stipend determined by the district's athletic scale and experience.

How to Apply

Please submit a coaching resume, two professional references, and an application Brooke Hackl at brooke.hackl@ithaca.k12.wi.us.