



Blaine HOOPS: Honoring Our Outstanding Performance in School

Blaine Youth Basketball is pleased to recognize student achievement in the classroom. The Blaine HOOPS Program will recognize Blaine girls and boys basketball players for outstanding work in the classroom during the first trimester of the 2025-26 school year. This program will be for 2nd through 8th grade students who participate in Blaine traveling or in-house basketball programs. To qualify, participants must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA or equivalent during the first trimester.

Why HOOPS?

As athletes, less than 1% of Blaine basketball players will play in the NBA/WNBA. This program serves as a reminder that our players are Student-Athletes; students first, athletes next and success at school is 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. The Blaine HOOPS Program emphasizes the importance of working just as hard or harder in the classroom as on the court.

How do the players get into the Blaine HOOPS Program?

It is the responsibility of the parents and/or the student-athletes with a minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent to complete the form (online or pdf found on our website). The form should be submitted with a copy of the student-athlete's report card. The form and report card can be submitted via online form found on the BYB website.

If there are special considerations for your student-athlete (i.e. alternate grading methodology, IEP, growth from previous years, etc.) please include a note with your submission and the committee will review on a case-by-case basis. You may use the Special Needs Letter to request a recommendation from a teacher or para at school.

All submissions will go to the BYB Board to process for recognition.

What (and when) will student-athletes receive as recognition?

Recognition will be determined by the BYB Board and could change annually. Process for announcing and/or distributing recognition awards will be determined during the basketball season.