



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

JOB POSITION STATEMENT
THE SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL





ATHLETICS AT SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY

The Department of Athletics is a key component of the distinctive education provided by the Savannah Country Day School. Over 80% of our Middle School and Upper School students represent the Hornets as student athletes each year. Our athletic teams are among the most visible and prominent programs at our school and are often the only glimpse that some will have of our students and facilities. It is incumbent upon our program to promote our school in a positive manner that embodies our mission statement and philosophy of the school. Our goal is for every team and every event involving the Hornets to exemplify excellence. It is a privilege to wear Green and Gold!

Savannah Country Day School is committed to excellence in athletics as an essential part of our larger commitment to excellence in education. The guiding principle behind Savannah Country Day School's athletic program is its educational value for our students. We teach student athletes to embrace challenges and welcome opportunities for personal growth, so they develop the personal traits needed to meet with confidence, imagination, and integrity the challenges of college and life. These traits include the discipline and drive to take one's talents to the highest level of performance and the willingness to sacrifice and work with others as a team in pursuit of a common goal. As an integral part of our community, the Department of Athletics seeks to provide a safe, competitive, and educational environment that encourages students to strive toward realizing their personal and athletic potential. By training and competing as a member of a team, Savannah Country Day student athletes learn positive values and develop character traits that will positively impact every aspect of their lives.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION STATEMENT

In accordance with our mission, core beliefs, and strategic plan, we seek to foster and affirm a diverse and inclusive community at Savannah Country Day School. Members of this community reflect varied and multi-faceted backgrounds and identities and acknowledge these differences with sensitivity and respect. This community is critical to nurturing a sense of belonging in each student and inspiring lifelong intellectual and personal growth in all.

ATHLETIC OFFERINGS

Savannah Country Day competes in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) for 9th-12 grade and the Savannah Parochial Athletic League (SPAL) for 5th-8th grade. The Clay Target Team competes in GIAA (Georgia Independent Athletic Association).

FALL SEASON

Cheerleading: Varsity, Junior Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Clay Target: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Cross Country: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, 5th-8th grades

Flag Football: Varsity, Junior Varsity

Football: Varsity, Junior Varsity, 7th/8th grades, 5th/6th grades

Volleyball: Varsity, Junior Varsity, 5th-8th grades

Tennis: (Boys and Girls) 5th-8th grades

WINTER SEASON

Basketball: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, Junior Varsity, 5th-8th grades

Swimming: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Wrestling: Varsity, 6th-8th grades

SPRING SEASON

Baseball: Varsity, Junior Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Soccer: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, Junior Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Lacrosse: (Boys and Girls) Varsity Boys, 6th-8th grades

Golf: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, 6th-8th grades

Tennis: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, Junior Varsity

Track and Field: (Boys and Girls) Varsity, 5th-8th grades

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

50+ TEAMS

(VARSITY, JV, 5TH-8TH GRADE)

BLUEPRINT PROGRAM

OFFERS YEAR-ROUND STRENGTH AND ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL STUDENTS

DECORATED PROGRAM WITH
189 REGION TITLES & 24 STATE TITLES

OVER 80%

OF 5-12TH GRADE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE ATHLETIC OFFERING

TWO

DEDICATED ATHLETIC TRAINERS ON STAFF TO WORK WITH STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND AFTER SCHOOL

18 ALUMNI CURRENTLY PLAYING AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL

BASEBALL

Columbus State University

BASKETBALL

Georgia College
Oglethorpe University

CHEER

Clemson University

CLAY TARGET

Florida State University

CROSS COUNTRY

Brown University

FOOTBALL

Troy University
United States Military Academy
University of New Hampshire
University of Texas El Paso

GOLF

Auburn University

LACROSSE

Adelphi University

SOCCER

Johns Hopkins University

SWIMMING

Villanova University
United States Military Academy

TENNIS

Mount St. Mary's University

TRACK & FIELD

Brown University

VOLLEYBALL

Lafayette College

ABOUT THE SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Savannah Country Day traces its origins back to the 1905 founding of The Pape School, an institution long recognized for its academic excellence and college preparatory curriculum. Led by a group of visionary parents who saw the continued need for a first-rate college preparatory school in Savannah, the founders of Savannah Country Day built upon the assets of the Pape School and created a school with a recognized tradition of academic excellence across the southeast.

Today, Savannah Country Day School is Savannah's preeminent college preparatory school providing a rigorous, yet supportive learning environment for a wide variety of motivated learners. Enrolling over 1000 students ranging from pre-school to 12th grade, SCDS is truly a family school. Situated on a beautiful, 66-acre campus on the south side of historic Savannah, Georgia, SCDS has a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio, an unparalleled arts program, and a full range of athletic and extracurricular opportunities. Significant funds are available for faculty professional development, and our faculty average 21 years of experience, with 85% of Upper School faculty holding advanced degrees.

ATHLETICS FACILITIES

- 66-acre campus
- Three hard surface gymnasiums (two full sized and one practice)
- Two baseball fields (one newly renovated)
- All-weather track
- Six tennis courts
- Cross country trail
- Stadium for football, soccer, and lacrosse
- 3,000 sq. ft. weightroom
- Indoor baseball hitting facility
- Outdoor basketball sports court
- Multiple practice fields and activity areas



Savannah Country Day School is in the initial stages of a capital campaign to improve its athletic facilities.



THE OPPORTUNITY

The Savannah Country Day School seeks an experienced, dynamic, collaborative and thoughtful leader with strong communication and organizational skills to oversee its athletic and physical education programs in grades JK-12. He/she will serve on the School's senior leadership team and collaborate closely with other senior leaders to ensure that the athletic program is aligned with the rest of the school and with the School's mission. He/she will serve as the face of athletics at Savannah Country Day—both internally and externally—and create an effective rapport with all constituents with the goal of creating a vision and strategic plan for the future of athletics at SCDS.

HOW TO APPLY

The Finney Search Group will lead the search for our next Director of Athletics. All interested candidates are encouraged to send a resume, cover letter, and a statement of Educational Philosophy to the link below.

SPECIFIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Manage the hiring, orientation, and evaluation of all coaches; ensure that all coaches are appropriately qualified and trained, that they understand and support the mission of the school and that they adhere to appropriately high standards when it comes to their coaching of student-athletes, their conduct, and their communication with parents.
- Ensure that head varsity coaches are not only effective coaches of their varsity teams but also effective, engaged, and intentional leaders of their programs at all levels.
- Oversee the scheduling and supervision of all athletic events; work closely and effectively with the Director of Operations to oversee the use and maintenance of all athletic facilities.
- Manage the athletic budget, working closely with the Chief Financial Officer, to ensure that programs get adequate financial support and that resources are distributed equitably to the various programs and teams.
- Participate in fundraising campaigns for athletics and oversee the activities of the SCDS Booster Club.
- Oversee the athletic training program and staff, as well as all strength and conditioning programs and activities.
- Promote SCDS teams and student-athletes—both internally and externally; utilize social media, website, and all other platforms
- Work with the college counseling office to ensure that student-athletes with ambitions to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level are supported in their ambitions and in the collegiate recruiting process.
- Develop and maintain positive relationships and communicate regularly and proactively with all constituents, including coaches, parents, faculty and staff, and students.
- Assess the School's membership in the Georgia High School Association and work with the Head of School and Board of Trustees to continue to evaluate whether or not a move to another league is in the School's best interests.
- Work closely and proactively with the admissions team to recruit prospective student-athletes; ensure that all head coaches understand the importance of their roles when it comes to attracting prospective student-athletes, how to identify student-athletes who are a good fit for SCDS, and what they should and shouldn't do when it comes to recruitment of student-athletes.

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