

Middle School Cross Country Coach

School: Memorial Junior High School

District: South Euclid–Lyndhurst City School District

Reports To: Athletic Director and Building Principal

Position Summary

The South Euclid–Lyndhurst City School District is seeking a qualified and motivated **Middle School Cross Country Coach** for Memorial Junior High School. The coach will lead and support student-athletes in grades 7–8 by developing endurance, fitness, and running fundamentals while promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and a safe, inclusive athletic environment consistent with district values.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan, organize, and conduct developmentally appropriate practices focused on distance running fundamentals, conditioning, pacing, and injury prevention.
- Coach and supervise student-athletes during all practices, meets, and team-related activities.
- Teach rules, strategies, and expectations of cross country competition appropriate for the middle school level.
- Promote sportsmanship, respect, perseverance, and character development among student-athletes.
- Maintain professional and effective communication with student-athletes, parents/guardians, administrators, and athletic staff.
- Ensure appropriate supervision of students before, during, and after practices and meets, including travel to and from events.
- Comply with all South Euclid–Lyndhurst City School District policies, league requirements, and OHSAA rules and regulations.
- Monitor student-athlete health, conditioning, and safety, including proper warm-ups, cool-downs, hydration, and weather-related precautions.
- Manage, inventory, and care for athletic equipment and uniforms.
- Attend required meetings, trainings, and professional development sessions as directed by the Athletic Director.
- Collaborate with other coaches and support the overall middle school athletic program.

Qualifications

- Previous experience coaching cross country, track and field, or distance running at the youth or middle school level preferred.
- Knowledge of running fundamentals, conditioning principles, and age-appropriate training methods.

- Ability to work effectively with middle school–aged students.
- Strong leadership, communication, and organizational skills.
- Commitment to student-athlete safety, equity, and positive school culture.

Certifications and Requirements

- Valid Ohio Pupil Activity Permit (or ability to obtain prior to the start of the season).
- Current CPR/AED and First Aid certification (or willingness to obtain).
- Completion of all district- and state-mandated coaching requirements, including background checks.

Application Process

Interested candidates should submit an application to **www.selschools.org**