

Arcola High School Football Head Coach

The Arcola School District is seeking candidates for the head coach for the high school football program. The district currently has several teaching positions available so the district is hoping to secure the highest quality football coach available. If you are a certified teacher with an endorsement that is not listed in the IASA Job Bank as an open position in Arcola, please do not let that stop you from applying for this position. Please express interest. We plan to evaluate each candidate and their qualifications to determine the best fit for the district and the coach.

TRADITION

Arcola High School football is the 4th winningest program in the state (top 100 in the country) and has a career record of 712-325-30 (.667 lifetime win %). They have won 4 state championships, played in 7 state games. Since the 1890's, Arcola has never finished a decade below .500. They have won 29 conference championships and are 60-27 in the playoffs. The football field is named after IHSA Hall of Fame coaches Steve Thomas and his longtime assistant Byron Bradford (Thomas-Bradford Field). There is a story depicted on the mural of the south side of the new Arcola football locker room that explains Arcola's deep history in football that includes a matchup of a famously never played game against the Decatur Staleys that was said to have ultimately lead to George Halas's formation of a football league. There is no other school in the country with the moniker 'Purple Riders,' which was created as a result of a newspaper headline when Arcola football was enjoying one of the longest winning streaks in the country in the early 1930's - 'Purple Rides Again'.

RESOURCES/SUPPORT

The football team's locker room would rival any 1A school in the state. The AHS Football Booster Club is in very good financial shape. Given its history, the town has always been abundantly supportive of the program and it shows in attendance. When you include the roster, the cheerleaders, and the band – nearly half of the student population is guaranteed to be at every home game. The administration is very supportive of the football program.

THE TOWN

Arcola is a town of 3,000 with agriculture and a good number of industry to boast - most notably the Libman Company and Herff-Jones (who combined to employ nearly 1000 people). It has a historic downtown, a mecca of small town public art, home of the best small town festival in the state – the Broomcorn Festival, has an exotic zoo just west of town, and has long been a tourist destination for these reasons and more.

OVERALL:

The Arcola Community has a long and impressive history of high school football. This spans over many years and the success realized in the last ten years shows that tradition continues to live on.