



Darlington School

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS SEARCH

Rome, Georgia



Director of Athletics Position Description

Darlington's Director of Athletics is responsible for contributing to and advancing the culture and strategic vision of Darlington athletics. Beyond management of the Upper School athletic programs, the Director of Athletics must see themselves as the leader of all athletic programs at Darlington, beginning with physical education class and after-school activities in the Pre-K to 8 Division and extending to our strength and conditioning programs and 23 varsity teams in the Upper School.

Reporting to the Head of School, the Director of Athletics is a key member of the school's leadership team. The ideal candidate will be a strong oral and written communicator, who demonstrates a commitment to honor and integrity, passion for athletics, courageous decision-making, and a desire for a student-centered experience. The Director of Athletics fosters a positive and inclusive athletic community, building strong relationships with students, coaches, parents, and faculty. They skillfully navigate diverse viewpoints and disagreements, making difficult decisions with transparency and empathy, ensuring all stakeholders feel heard and supported. The Director of Athletics must be able to meet the physical demands of the job and thrive in a highly stressful work environment.





Expectations

As a member of the Senior Administrative Team, Darlington's Director of Athletics is primarily responsible for:

- Working with coaches to develop and implement plans for each program.
- Providing opportunities for student success in education-based athletics.
- Assessing the school's athletic program.
- Identifying, developing, and empowering a dedicated coaching staff fostering a shared expectation of professionalism, continuous growth, and commitment to student success.
- Foreseeing the financial needs of the Athletic Department and administering the approved annual budget.
- Working with the school's Advancement Office in fundraising effort related to athletics.
- Working with the school's administration to establish and maintain the school calendar.
- Managing the school's athletic facilities.
- Working with the facilities department to prepare playing fields and transportation schedules.
- Overseeing the Athletic Booster Club.
- Coordinating with the school's Communication Office to publicize and promote student-athletes.
- Ensuring the school remains in compliance with athletic rules and regulations.
- Serving as the school's liaison to the Georgia High School Association.
- Attending regional and state athletic association meetings.

The starting date for this position is July 2025. A master's degree and experience in athletics administration is preferred.



About Darlington School

Darlington is a college-preparatory school that gives day and boarding students the opportunity to discover their place in the global community. We do this by offering academic and extracurricular explorations personalized for each student, and led by teachers and staff who are exceptionally accessible and encouraging. Darlington students graduate with the confidence, connections, and compassion they need to succeed in college and their career, and be meaningful contributors to the greater good. Located in Rome, Georgia, Darlington School enrolls approximately 750 students each year from 25 countries and 30 states on average. The school serves grades Pre-K to 12 with a boarding option in grades 9-12. Learn more at www.darlingtonschool.org.

About Rome

Darlington's picturesque location among the seven hills and three rivers of Rome, Georgia, has provided a beautiful setting to live, learn, work and play since the town was founded and subsequently named at Darlington's Home-on-the-Hill in 1834. A central location between three major southern cities — Atlanta, Birmingham, Ala. and Chattanooga, Tenn. — permits the city to be a convenient hop, skip and jump away from anywhere within the region, including three international airports.

Floyd County is the home to a population of over 99,400. The area boasts strong industrial and healthcare sectors, and is a cultural hub for Northwest Georgia. Floyd County is the location of several higher education institutions, including Berry College, Georgia Highlands College, Georgia Northwestern Technical College and Shorter University.

How to Apply

The Finney Search Group has been engaged to provide candidates for the School. All interested individuals are encouraged to submit their resumes via <https://www.thefinneysearchgroup.com/darlington-ad-application>.

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