

**KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
2010-2011 EXEMPLARY ASSISTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**



SAM AUSTIN

The Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators (KAMSA) has named Washburn Rural Middle School Assistant Principal Sam Austin as an Exemplary Assistant Principal of the Year. Austin is one of two assistant principals in Kansas named for this award.

Austin began teaching and coaching in the Auburn-Washburn School District at Jay Shideler Junior High School in 1976 after graduating from Washburn University. He had come from Stamford, Connecticut, to play football at Washburn University. Austin coached junior high football and basketball for four years and then football for 20 years at Washburn Rural High School where he was involved in three state championships. He received his Masters in Administration degree from Emporia State University. Austin taught physical education at Jay Shideler Junior High School and then Washburn Rural Middle School from 1976 to 2000 when he was named to his current position of assistant principal.

Jerry Meier, WRMS Principal, has the following to say about Mr. Austin: "Sam is not just an efficient administrator, he is an educator that builds relationships with students, parents, and staff that enables Washburn Rural Middle School to have a great learning environment."

During his time at Washburn Rural Middle School, the school has started numerous programs that push academics and activities. In recent years WRMS has consistently done well with numerous State Standards of Excellence and with a near majority of students scoring in the Exemplary Category of the State Assessments.

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MARVIN RUPE

Marvin Rupe is assistant principal and athletic director at Eisenhower Middle School, in Manhattan. He holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Kansas State University, a Master's degree in Athletic Administration from the University of New Mexico, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and Political Science from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University).

Throughout his 24 years in education, he has worked as a teacher, coach, athletic director, coaching education facilitator, KSU clinical instructor, and secondary school administrator. Marvin is in his 16th year in the Manhattan-Ogden USD 383. During his first assignment in the district, he taught physical education at the former Manhattan Middle School. When the district opened two new middle schools in 1995, he moved to Eisenhower Middle School to teach eighth grade social studies. In the fall of 2000, he became the KSU Professional Development School Clinical Instructor at Eisenhower. In 2004 Marvin was selected to serve as assistant principal at both Anthony and Eisenhower Middle Schools. Beginning with the 2005 school year, he began serving in his current position as assistant principal and athletic director at Eisenhower Middle School. He has been on staff at Eisenhower for the entire 15 years of its existence and is proud of the students, faculty, and the community it serves.

As assistant principal, Marvin wears many hats, including discipline, attendance and truancy, club and activity director, supervision, athletic director, and the proverbial "other duties as assigned." One major student event he oversees each year is the annual Eagle Extravaganza, an all-school event held each May that serves as a year-end celebration for the school and is a great Eisenhower tradition, dating back 14 years. Marvin also represents Eisenhower on many district committees. In 2008-09, he was instrumental in the formation of a new middle school athletic league, which became the Centennial Middle League, and served as its first President during the 2009-10 school year.

In March 2010 he was recognized as the Kansas Middle School Athletic Director of the Year by the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (KIAAA).

Outside the office, Marvin has been actively involved for many years in coaching his children's club basketball and softball teams. He greatly enjoys the time spent with his family, taking part in the sport environment, as well as many other outdoor activities with his extended family. He is also active in his church and serves weekly in various capacities. Marvin and his wife Jolene have two children. Austin is a junior at Kansas State University and Manhattan Christian College. Kylie is a senior at Manhattan High School.