

District 3

Chad Gilbert, athletic director, Charlestown



Chad Gilbert is in his 13th year as athletic director at Charlestown after previously working as a teacher and coach for the previous 17 years. He is recognized for his support of Indiana high school basketball throughout his tenure in an administrative role.

A 1991 graduate of Charlestown, Gilbert was a basketball standout for the Pirates, being named Mid-State Conference Player of the Year as a senior and totaling 1,392 points, 511 rebounds and 206 assists for teams that went 52-16 in three varsity seasons.

He initially attended Indiana State, totaling 290 points and 190 rebounds in two seasons with the Sycamores. He then transferred to Southern Indiana, where he tallied 1,011 points, 506 rebounds and 120 assists in helping the Screaming Eagles to a 54-8 two-year mark and the 1995 NCAA Division II national championship. He also was named a two-time all-Great Lakes Valley Conference performer, the 1995 Great Lakes Regional Most Outstanding Player, the 1996 GLVC Player of the Year and a 1996 NCAA D-II first-team All-American.

Gilbert completed his bachelor's degree in physical education from USI in 1996, then earned a master's degree in secondary education and administration from Oakland City University in 2001.

He has worked as a teacher at Perry Central in 1997-98, at River Valley/Parkview Middle School from 1998-2000 and at Jeffersonville from 2000-13. He began coaching in 1996-97 as a boys basketball assistant at Evansville Central and followed as a boys' assistant in 1997-98 at Perry Central and as sixth-grade boys, sixth-grade girls and eighth-grade boys coach at River Valley/Parkview Middle from 1998-2000.

Gilbert was the Jeffersonville varsity girls' basketball coach from 2000-11, compiling a 220-43 record with seven Hoosier Hills Conference titles, six sectionals, one regional, one semi-state and the 2011 Class 4A state championship. He then was the Jeffersonville varsity boys' basketball coach from 2011-13, going 44-8 with two HHC trophies, two sectionals and one regional in the two seasons. He was a nine-time HHC Coach of the Year, a 2006 IBCA District 3 Coach of the Year, a two-time HBCA Coach of the Year, a two-time ICGSA District Coach of the Year and 2011 ICGSA Class 4A State Coach of the Year. He also coached in the 2006 Battle of the Bridges, 2007 McDonald's All-American Game, the 2007 North/South Indiana All-Star Classic and the 2010 and 2011 HBCA East/West All-Star Classic.

As an administrator, he is in his ninth year on the IHSAA Board of Directors, serving as board president in 2020-21, board vice president in 2023-24 and executive committee chairman in 2024-25. At Charlestown, he has developed an Athletic Hall of Fame, a Student-Athlete Leadership Team, a Track or Treat Service Project and a student internship program while also serving on the Athletic Council, Pirate Pride Booster Club and a volunteer coach in the elementary boys' and girls' basketball programs.

Gilbert, who was the host athletic director for the 2025 Junior All-Stars doubleheader vs. Kentucky, was an IBCA district representative from 2006-08 and an ICGSA district rep from 2007-11. He currently also serves on the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's Board of Directors and as its South Vice President.

Over the years, Gilbert was inducted into the USI Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011, selected to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame's Silver Anniversary Team in 2016, inducted into the Greater Evansville Basketball Hall of Fame in 2019 and inducted into the Indiana Sports Hall of Fame in 2025. He also was recognized as the 2025 District 3 Administrator of the Year by the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

In his free time, he enjoys, fishing, collecting basketball cards, coaching his children and time with his wife.

Gilbert and his wife, Amy, are parents to two children – son, Bam, 12, and daughter, Evelyn, 10.

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