

Daniel Zika

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PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Experienced Basketball Coach – 8 years of coaching experience with 2 years as a Head Coach.
 - Proven Success – Led teams to multiple playoff appearances, including Regional Qualifiers in basketball and cross country.
 - Program Development & Leadership – Created and implemented offseason skills & conditioning programs for high school and middle school athletes.
 - Comprehensive Administrative Experience – Managed UIL compliance, game scheduling, budgeting, fundraising, and booster club coordination.
 - Player Development Focus – Designed individualized skill development and game strategy programs tailored to player growth.
 - Multi-Sport Coaching Background – Experience in basketball, football, track, and baseball at both junior high and high school levels.
 - Military Leadership Experience – 12 years of service in the U.S. Army Reserve as an Aviation Operations Specialist, ensuring precision in logistics and team coordination.
 - Developed and Implemented a Middle School Feeder Program to Prepare Athletes for High School Competition.
 - Created Structured Offseason Training Programs to Improve Strength, Agility, and Basketball IQ
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Smithville HS, **Asst Basketball Coach/Social Studies/Special Ed Teacher** 2024 –
Smithville, TX

- Lead player development, game strategy, and scouting reports for varsity basketball.
- Designed and conducted offseason skill development & conditioning programs.
- Organized daily practice plans & team training regimens.
- Led team to two consecutive Regional appearances as Cross Country head coach.
- Problem solver with the ability to evaluate situations and develop solutions
- Assisted 1st Year Head Coach, in guidance on Daily Operations
- Created individual skill development programs for athletes at various levels.
- Head Cross Country Coach

Brenham HS, **Head Girls Basketball Coach/Special Education Teacher** 2022 – 24
Brenham, TX

- Led team to two consecutive winning seasons and developed athlete-specific skill training programs.
- Coordinated game strategy, tournament scheduling, and scouting analysis.
- Managed UIL compliance, district paperwork, and team administration.
- Implemented video analysis tools to enhance game strategy and player development.
- Managed all program operations, including game scheduling, tournament organization, and budgeting.
- Vertically aligned middle school athletics with high school athletics.

- Developed a vertically aligned basketball program to integrate middle and high school players.
- Head Cross Country Coach

Morton Ranch HS, **Asst. Girls Basketball Coach/Special Education Teacher** 2021 – 22
Katy, TX

- Assisted in game planning, scouting, and skill development for the varsity program.
- Conducted film breakdown sessions to enhance game strategy.
- Developed and led strength & conditioning drills to improve athletic performance.
- Coordinated player conditioning and skill development for the basketball program.
- Assisted in practice planning and game management.

Columbus JH, **Basketball Coach/Special Education Teacher** 2017 – 21
Columbus, TX

- Assisted in game planning, scouting, and skill development for the varsity program.
- Led junior high basketball program, including player development and in-game strategy.
- Assisted in coaching football, track, and baseball at both junior high and high school levels.

U.S. Army Reserve, Aviation Operations Specialist 2013 –
Texas

- Managed flight scheduling, safety protocols, and operational logistics for aviation missions.
- Provided critical decision-making and emergency management in high-pressure situations.
- Conducted training for new Aviation Operations Specialists, ensuring operational readiness.

EDUCATION

Bachelors Degree, History
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Masters Degree, Coaching & Athletic Administration (Grad Aug, 2026)
Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

CERTIFICATIONS

Special Education (EC-12)
Core Subjects (4-8)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA)
Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC)
Texas Girls Coaches Association (TGCA)