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Student Advisory Committee announced for 2023-24

Eighteen high school student-athletes from across the Hoosier State will serve next school year as members of the 2023-24 IHSAA Student Advisory Committee (SAC).

Nine juniors will join nine seniors beginning their second year with the group and will receive hands-on leadership experience through several IHSAA-sponsored events as well as serve as a voice to the IHSAA staff.

Each year, the IHSAA receives nominations from school principals on behalf of student-athletes from IHSAA member schools. From that group of nominations, 20 are selected for interviews by members of the IHSAA

Executive Committee and returning members of the SAC. From those interviews, nine incoming juniors are invited to join the group of nine returning seniors.



Student-athletes who will serve as part of next school year's committee include:

2023-24 IHSAA Student Advisory Committee

Name	Grade	School
Danae Cline	11	South Putnam
Mary Cox	12	Monrovia
Makena Cruse	11	Greenwood Community
Pierce Derrington	11	Floyd Central
Ashton Elpers	12	North Posey
Jorjia Ferguson	12	East Central
Cade Garden	12	Wawasee
Bryce Gray	12	University
Claire Hack	11	Jennings County
Kaylie Hanyzewski	12	Penn
Charlie Hasenour	11	Forest Park
Whitman Horton	12	Crawfordsville
Lena Jones	11	Plymouth
Jace Martin	11	North Harrison
Grayson Mealy	11	Wes-Del
Dontae Pope	12	Merrillville
Jake Tippmann	12	Fort Wayne Snider
Ali Ward	11	Boonville

The SAC, which began in 2001-02, represents the entire IHSAA membership of 407 schools, and its structure reflects that of the IHSAA Board of Directors in terms of classification and districts.

The SAC meets four times annually – twice each semester – and is responsible for hosting meetings with student peers at the Fall Area Principals Meetings; assisting with the awards ceremonies at IHSAA state championship events throughout the school year, planning and administering the annual IHSAA Student Leadership Conference and to engage in and support the activities of Special Olympics Indiana including the Unified Track & Field and Unified Flag Football State Tournaments.

Other SAC functions include the development of an IHSAA Captain's Handbook which is posted to IHSAA.org as well as assisting in the creation of multiple public service announcements addressing good sporting behavior which will be utilized during 2023-24 state championships events.

About the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)

The IHSAA is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that is self-supporting without the use of tax monies. Since its founding in 1903, the Association's mission has been to provide wholesome, educational athletics for the secondary schools of Indiana. Its 407 member high schools - public, institutional, parochial and private - pay no annual membership fee or incur entry fees to play in the Association's tournaments. A state tournament series is conducted annually in 22 sports, 10 for girls, 10 for boys and two co-eds (unified flag football, unified track and field). A 19-person board of directors, elected by member school principals, governs the organization.