

District 2



Heather McGowan, athletic director, Ben Davis

Heather McGowan is in her third year as athletic director at Ben Davis after serving as assistant athletic director at the school the previous seven years. She is recognized for her support of Indiana high school basketball throughout her tenure in an administrative role.

McGowan has been on staff at Ben Davis since 1995, working as a teacher and certified athletic trainer for 16 years. She served as the school's Dean of Students from 2011-15 before becoming the assistant athletic director in 2015.

A 1989 graduate of Mound Westonka High School in Minnestrista, Minn., the former Heather Dorfner competed in volleyball, basketball and softball for the Mohawks. She then attend South Dakota State Univerity, where she played softball, was selected an All-America Scholar-Athlete by the National Softball Coaches Association and earned bachelor's degrees in 1994 in health, physical education, recreation, dance, education and athletic training. She later earned a master's degree in education administration from Butler University in 2006.

While at Ben Davis, she was named a "Top 30" honoree in 1999 and again in 2000. That is a recognition awarded to a teacher from the top 30 students academically from a given year's graduating class. She also has been on the support staff for seven basketball state champions (boys in 1996, 2017 and 2023; girls in 2000, 2001, 2009 and 2010), two basketball state runners-up (boys in 2019 and 2024), six football state champions (1999, 2001, 2002, 2014, 2017 and 2023), one football state runner-up (1996) and three track state champions (boys in 2008, 2009 and 2010).

McGowan and her husband, Ron, are parents to two adult children – daughter, Korbyn, and son, Braden.