



**Head Boys Basketball Coach**  
**Catholic Central High School – Grand Rapids, Michigan**

**Start Date:** Spring 2026

**Application Deadline:** Tuesday March 31, 2026

Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School is seeking an exceptional leader to serve as the Head Boys Basketball Coach for one of the premier high school basketball programs in Michigan. This is an opportunity to lead a tradition-rich program built on competitive excellence, character development, and faith formation.

Our program has achieved sustained success at the highest levels:

- 9 Conference Championships in the past 10 years
- 5 Regional Championships in the past 6 years
- 2018 MHSAA Boys Basketball State Runner-Up
- 2021 MHSAA Boys Basketball State Championship
- 2025 Final Four appearance
- Home of the 2024 Mr. Basketball of Michigan
- Numerous student-athletes who have gone on to compete at the collegiate level and beyond

This position is not simply about winning games, it is about developing young men. We are seeking a coach who understands that the mission of Catholic education is to form the whole student - spiritually, academically, and athletically.

The ideal candidate is a leader of young men first. Someone who sets clear standards, demands excellence, and makes sound decisions on and off the court. The next leader of our program must be committed to building and sustaining a championship culture, not relying on individual talent, but creating a system that consistently develops student-athletes.

We seek a coach who will:

- Foster spiritual growth
- Promote academic achievement
- Develop discipline, leadership, and character
- Build a program that prepares boys to become men of integrity

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# Position Responsibilities

## Program Leadership

- Serve as the leader and ambassador of the boys basketball program.
- Establish and maintain a strong culture built on accountability, discipline, and character.
- Develop a long-term vision for sustained program success.
- Promote the mission and values of Catholic education within the program.

## Coaching & Player Development

- Plan and conduct effective practices focused on skill development, fundamentals, and team concepts.
- Teach offensive and defensive systems that maximize team success.
- Develop players physically, mentally, and emotionally.
- Evaluate athlete performance and provide consistent feedback.
- Foster leadership among team members.

## Student-Athlete Development

- Support the spiritual, academic, and personal growth of student-athletes.
- Monitor academic progress and promote academic accountability.
- Model sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for the game.
- Mentor student-athletes in leadership, responsibility, and character.

## Staff & Program Management

- Recruit, mentor, and supervise assistant coaches.
- Develop continuity across freshman, JV, and varsity levels.
- Collaborate with strength and conditioning staff and other athletic personnel.
- Organize off-season development programs, camps, and workouts.
- Work with local Catholic schools on program development.

## Game Management

- Prepare scouting reports and game strategies.
- Manage substitutions, rotations, and in-game adjustments.
- Ensure teams compete with discipline, composure, and sportsmanship.

## **Administrative Responsibilities**

- Comply with all rules and regulations of the Michigan High School Athletic Association.
- Communicate effectively with student-athletes, parents, administration, and the athletic department.
- Coordinate schedules, transportation, equipment, and team logistics.
- Maintain accurate program records and statistics.
- Fundraise for team, program, and school needs.

## **Community & School Engagement**

- Represent the program positively within the school and broader community.
  - Build relationships with alumni, boosters, and youth basketball programs.
  - Encourage participation and pride within the Catholic Central community.
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# **Qualifications**

- Previous successful high school or collegiate basketball coaching experience preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to build and sustain a competitive basketball program.
- Strong leadership and mentorship skills with a passion for developing young men.
- Commitment to the mission of Catholic education and faith-based leadership.
- Proven ability to develop players and build cohesive teams.
- Excellent communication and organizational skills.
- Knowledge of modern basketball strategies, player development, and program management.
- Ability to collaborate effectively with school administration, faculty, and athletic department staff.

## **Required**

- Valid First Aid/CPR/AED certification (or ability to obtain).
  - Completion of all Michigan High School Athletic Association coaching requirements and certifications (or ability to obtain).
  - Successful completion of background check and diocesan safe-environment training.
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# Preferred

- Experience leading a varsity basketball program.
  - Experience working within a faith-based or Catholic school environment.
  - Demonstrated history of developing student-athletes who continue to compete at the collegiate level.
  - Strong connections within Michigan basketball communities and collegiate coaches/recruiters.
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**Grand Rapids Catholic Central is committed to forming champions in faith, academics, and athletics.**

**We are looking for a coach who will lead with purpose, build with vision, and develop young men who will succeed long after their final game is played.**

**If this is you, we encourage you to apply.**

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## Application Process

Interested candidates should submit the following to **Mike Jacob**, Athletic Director:

[mikejacob@grcatholiccentral.org](mailto:mikejacob@grcatholiccentral.org)

- Cover letter
- Coaching résumé
  - Please indicate your current professional role as well.
- List of professional references
  - References will be contacted.

Applications close on Tuesday March 31, 2026. Interviews will begin the week of April 12, 2026. This is likely to be a multi-step interview process which will be explained in more detail to candidates that are selected.

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## About Catholic Central

Founded in 1906, Grand Rapids Catholic Central High School is a faith-based, college preparatory institution committed to developing young men and women of faith, character, and leadership. Competing in the OK Conference, our athletic programs pursue excellence while promoting teamwork, integrity, and sportsmanship rooted in our Catholic mission.