

Ryan Mackey

Ryan Mackey is a passionate educator with a strong commitment to fostering student success and creating a positive school environment for all. With a diverse background in teaching, coaching, and school administration, Ryan brings a wealth of experience and expertise to his current role as principal of Douglas High School in Douglas, Wyoming.

After spending seven years as a dedicated classroom teacher and coach, Ryan recognized the importance of educational leadership in shaping the future of students and schools. Motivated by the desire to make a broader impact, he obtained a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Wyoming. For the past nine years, Ryan has been a dedicated school administrator in the Douglas area, serving in various administrative positions from activities director, associate principal, and principal at Douglas Middle School prior to becoming the head principal of the high school in 2019.

Driven by his pursuit of continuous learning and professional growth, Ryan is near completion with his EdD in Educational Leadership from the University of Wyoming and just obtained his superintendent licensure. As he works on his dissertation related to organizational leadership traits, Ryan remains committed to enhancing his knowledge and expertise in building transformative relationships through supervision and feedback. In recognition of his leadership, Ryan was honored as the 2022-2023 Wyoming Principal of the Year which is a testament to his dedication to transforming school climate and culture where students and adults collaborate to achieve higher levels of academic achievement and growth.

Beyond his role as a principal, Ryan serves as a trustee on the Wyoming High School Activities Association (WHSAA) board where he continues to support students, coaches, and officials across the state, promoting sportsmanship, fairness, and a well-rounded experience for all. Additionally, Ryan co-chairs the Emergency Preparedness Response and Crisis Planning Team for his local school district, highlighting his commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students and staff. He also specializes in leading SUCCEED with TRUE-SPEAK, a communication and feedback framework designed to foster growth and build strong relationships between frontline staff, school personnel and students, school/district leaders, and parents/community members.

Ryan Mackey's dedication, passion, and leadership have made a lasting impact on the education landscape in Wyoming. With his commitment to student success and passion to inspire others, he continues to pursue and drive positive change through communication and action designed to empower students and staff that ultimately leads to the positive transformation of schools.