

Jim Denker

Jim graduated from Crow HS in 1966. He attended Oregon College of Education, graduating in 1970. Jim began his teaching and coaching career at Harper HS, where he coached football, basketball, volleyball and track.

In addition, as with many small school assignments he served as the Athletics Director, trainer, class advisor for the junior & senior classes, staff representative on the bargaining committee, and drove school bus.

Moving to North Douglas HS as the head football coach, assistant baseball and basketball, Jim spent five years in Drain while serving as the director of school reading programs. Jim returned to Crow HS for a one-year stint as the head football coach, after which he moved to the Eugene school district for the next twenty-eight years at South Eugene HS, Jim served as the head football coach for six years and twenty-five years as the head girl's basketball coach.

His football teams played in the state playoffs all six years. The girl's basketball program garnered two state championships and three top six finishes. Jim was named Midwestern League Coach of the Year seven times along with being named the state girl's basketball coach of the year four times. He was recognized by the NFHS as Region VIII coach of the Year in both 2000 and 2006. Jim served as athletics director for both South Eugene HS, as well as the Eugene 4j School District for fifteen years.

He was instrumental in the design and building of stadiums at each of the four Eugene high schools. This allowed each school to finally play home football games on their campus, when previously they played doubleheaders at Autzen Stadium each week.