

Mike Granfield
Howe High/BMHS Athletic
Hall of Fame
Class of 2026



Mike Granfield wore the green and white of Billerica Memorial High School for more than half his life, first as a student-athlete, graduating in 1964, and then as a BMHS teacher, coach, and athletic director.

As a student-athlete, Mike played football and ran track for two Hall of Fame coaches, Chuck Lampson and Roger Sampson, and then went on to Boston State to run track for legendary coach Billy Squires. The influence of these three great coaches set the foundation for both of Mike's teaching and coaching careers.

After graduating from Boston State, Mike returned to BMHS in 1969 as an English teacher and as the head coach of the girls and boys track teams. Mike went on to teach for 34 years with his last five years at BMHS (2003-08) also serving as the athletic director. Mike coached cross country as well as indoor and outdoor track from 1969 to 2003, only interrupted by leaving to coach cross country at UMass Lowell (1981-87). However, during those years, Mike maintained a positive influence on BMHS athletes as





the faculty manager and assistant athletic director from 1987-2003. In all, Mike coached 28 total seasons at BMHS.

Mike received many accolades as the cross country, indoor and spring track coach. He was a six-time Lowell Sun Coach of the Year, 1979 Boston Globe and Boston Herald Coach of the Year as well as a nine-time choice as Merrimack Valley Coach of the Year. Also, he guided his teams to 10 MVC titles, 1976 Boys MVC League Meet Championship, and the 1979 Girls Class A state title. The 1978 and 1979 indoor girls track teams boasted the Lowell Sun Runners of the Year, and the 1978 team featured seven Lowell Sun All-Stars, followed by the 1979 team with three All-Stars. His 1978 and 1979 teams went 18-0, capturing the North Shore League championship.

Mike is embedded in BMHS history as a student-athlete, teacher, coach, and administrator. He was the first chair of the Howe High/BMHS Athletic Hall of Fame, understanding the importance of remembering and celebrating the achievements of former student-athletes. It is an honor to have him as a newly inducted member of the Howe High/Billerica Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame, an organization which he helped to create.

Along with his wife Shirley, also a retired BMHS teacher and coach, Mike now splits his time snowbirding between Cape Cod and Florida. The couple enjoy spending time with their son Dan, their daughter Jessica, her husband Paul, and their two grandsons, Bryson and Henry. Mike also fills his time reading, golfing, and always cheering on the green and white of Billerica.

