

Gary Ward – 2017 Hall of Fame Inductee



For 33 years Gary Ward was a teacher, counselor, and coach for the Vallivue School District. Ward began his career in 1969 as a social studies teacher who also coached football, basketball, wrestling, and track at Vallivue Junior High School. In 1972 Ward moved to Vallivue High School to teach US History while coaching track and wrestling. One year later he started the cross country program at Vallivue and coached cross country for the next 28 years. In 1987 he became a counselor as well as the director of the Drivers Education program.

Ward's cross country teams were synonymous with championships. Vallivue boys' teams placed in the top five at the state meet in 21 of the 29 years that Ward was their coach finishing as the state champion 4 times. His girls' teams placed in the top five 11 of 15 years with one championship. They also won a total of 21 district championships and 28 conference championships.