



## Teacher Appreciation Game Suggested Actions

Coaches,

Thank you for participating in this year's #TeacherAppreciation Game. Recognizing teachers through athletics demonstrates to athletes, parents, and the community that teachers play a vital role in the success of our athletic programs.

As you are planning your night, here are suggested actions that show your appreciation to teachers. Feel free to use as many of these suggestions as you feel appropriate:

- Have your PA announcer read an announcement thanking teachers before the game or during a break in play. A sample announcement can be found in this toolkit.
- Present teachers with an appreciation certificate. A certificate template can be found as part of this toolkit.
- Present teachers with a goody bag before the game. Goody bags can include snacks, gift cards to local establishments, team or school shirts, or anything else that represents your program.
- Take a picture with teachers that includes players, administrators, coaches, and/ or parents. Post pictures on social media using the hashtag #TeacherAppreciation and tag @THSCAcoaches.
- Create a #TeacherAppreciation poster that you can hang in the gym/ field for everyone to see. A sample poster can be found in this toolkit.
- Create a graphic to put on the video board thanking teachers for their hard work and dedication. A sample graphic can be found in this toolkit.
- Have your team create a video thanking teachers for their work and post on social media and/or display on a video board. A sample post can be found in this toolkit.
- Create a thank you note that is signed by all team members and coaches and presented to teachers before the game, when they check into the venue, or during a break in play.
- Recognize teachers with a special message during a pep rally
- Offer teachers a free dinner before the game. Dinner can be provided by your players as a potluck or can be provided by a sponsor.
- Offer a free night of babysitting to teachers as a "Teacher's Night/ Day Out" to show appreciation.

Do you have any other ideas? Will you do something different than the actions listed above? Please share what you are doing with THSCA so we can share with other coaches around the state!