

Golden Plains Receives Sportsmanship Award By Judy Rogers

Golden Plains High School won the Sportsmanship Award at the KSHSAA Class 1A Division II basketball tournament in Great Bend on March 10-12.

“Congratulations to the Golden Plains Cheerleaders, students, coaches, players, and community on winning this award,” said Activities Director Travis Smith. “This is such a great accomplishment!” “The sportsmanship award is truly an honor for the school and the community,” added Ashley Arnberger, Principal. “It takes everyone working together to create a positive and rewarding experience for our students. This award highlights the high expectations that we hold at Golden Plains, and I am so proud of this recognition for our school community.”

KSHSAA defines sportsmanship as those qualities of behavior, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. An awareness is expected of the impact of an individual’s influence on the behavior of others. The excitement of a basketball game can create concern for fans, students, and officials. Citizenship/Sportsmanship Rule 52 addresses this by stating: “Win with character and lose with dignity.”

A special sportsmanship committee appointed by KSHSAA evaluated and rated the cheerleaders, school cheering section, adult and non-high school followers, team, and coach of each school. Schools are awarded either a Plaque for the school and Medals for the cheerleaders or a certificate based on a scoring system set forth by KSHSAA.

Of the 16 boys and girls teams competing at the Class 1A Division II Tournament in Great Bend, Golden Plains was one of two schools receiving a Plaque and Medals. Also awarded was Hutchinson-Central Christian girls. Central Plains and Pawnee Heights were awarded certificates for their boys’ teams with no boys’ teams receiving plaques and medals.

Throughout the state at all 7 tournament sites, 112 teams competed with only 15 receiving plaques and medals and an additional 19 receiving certificates.

“I am extremely proud of the cheerleaders and all of their hard work,” said Dez Wark, Cheerleader Sponsor. “The community did an outstanding job supporting the cheerleaders and I am thankful for everyone's extra effort in remaining positive. This is an experience that will last a lifetime.”