

Girl's Basketball

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Monrovia started a girl's basketball team in 1906 with games being played outside on a clay court. In the early 1920's the girl's basketball team was extremely successful and were considered State Champions in 1920, 1921, and 1922. Over the span of these three years the girls only lost 1 game. In 1922, the reigning Kentucky State Champions, The Henderson Wildcats, which had not been defeated since 1919 and had even defeated college teams, challenged the Monrovia girls basketball team to a game. There are reports that the whole town of Monrovia carpooled to Mooresville, took a train to Evansville, and took a ferry to Kentucky to attend the game. Monrovia defeated the Kentucky state champions 12-8 to become the Indiana and Kentucky state champions. Two girls from this team were inducted into the Monrovia Hall of Fame, Catherine Schrader and Iris McCracken. The next year Monrovia did away with girl's basketball.

Monrovia High School added female sports teams in the 1972-1973 school year. These sports included volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, badminton, and track and field. The team had a very successful season in 1988 when they won a sectional championship. This was the first sectional championship in 46 years for all sports and the first sectional championship for girls. The girls team would repeat as sectional champions in 1989 being the first team in Monrovia History to repeat as sectional champions. It should be noted that these sectional championships were before the IHSAA went to a class system.

Amy Turner was a star on the basketball team during 1992 and 1993 season and was the first Monrovia Girls basketball player to score 1,000 points in her high school career. Amy Turner also won the Mooresville Times Player of the Year, two years in a row.

Monrovia Girl's Basketball teams had some success in in 2000's. Winning sectionals in 2006, 2014, and 2016. In 2016 the girls team won sectionals under Kyle Swafford. In 2016 there was prominent talent in the program, one being Makayla Swafford. Swafford became the second 1,000 point scorer in Monrovia Girl's Basketball history. To this day there are only two people to ever score 1,000 points; Amy Turner and Makayla Swafford.

Conference	Sectionals	State *
2013	1988	1920
	1989	1921
	1994	1922 Indiana/Kentucky State Champions
	2006	
	2014	
	2016	

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*This was before the State Tournament.