



Principal Cindy Veazey and Athletic Director Matt Blake are pleased to announce Haley Hopkins-Steege as the next Head Softball Coach at Gulf Shores High School. Coach Hopkins is entering her third year at Gulf Shores High School as a history teacher and served the previous two years as the Associate Head Coach in the softball program, assisting with all aspects of the program.

Prior to coming to Gulf Shores High School, Coach Hopkins served as the Head Softball Coach at Spanish Fort High School, leading the Toros to the Region Tournament in her final season. A 2008 graduate of Gulf Shores High School, Coach Hopkins was a 6-year letter winner in softball and a 4-year letter winner in volleyball. During her pitching career at Gulf Shores, her team competed in the State Tournament 5 out of the 6 years, taking 1st place in 2007 and 2nd place in 2006 and 2004. Coach Hopkins was inducted into the Gulf Shores High School Hall of Fame in 2018.

Collegiately, Coach Hopkins went on to play softball at the University of South Alabama under legendary coach Becky Clark where her team competed for and won the program's first Sunbelt Conference Championship as well as making it to the championship game of the NCAA Regional Tournament in Tuscaloosa. In her time at South Alabama she was a pitcher, catcher, outfielder and designated hitter. After college Coach Hopkins helped start, and run, an indoor training facility, The Fieldhouse, in Daphne AL as well as a non-profit travel softball organization, Southern Spirit Softball.

Coach Hopkins holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in Education. Coach Hopkins is an ACT certified teacher and is currently pursuing National Board Certification. Coach Hopkins is married to Megann Steege, Athletic Coordinator for the City of Gulf Shores Recreation Department, and the couple have a daughter, Maverick (1).