

Ed Petrie is the winningest coach in NY public school and Long Island high school basketball history with an overall record of 754-258 in his 42 year career.

He began his athletic career at F.E. Bellows high school (now Rye Neck) in Westchester, NY. He excelled in baseball as well as basketball. In the 1949-50 and 1950-51 seasons, Ed led his basketball team to the Section 1 Class C and Open (C/D) titles. His senior year, Ed averaged 25.8 ppg and in one game against Pleasantville, scored 51 points. He finished his 4 year career with over 1,000 points.

He went on to attend Seton Hall where he helped lead them to two NIT appearances and scored 954 points during his 3 year college stint.

In 1956, Ed was drafted by the NY Knicks but was cut when the Knicks acquired All-Star Slater Martin. He then spent three years playing in the Eastern and Connecticut Basketball Leagues.

Ed then went on to teach and coach at Pierson and East Hampton high schools and the rest is history. Legendary Amityville coach Jack Agostini said "Ed Petrie is the John Wooden of Long Island Basketball".

In 1979, Ed helped Bridgehampton to the State Title when East Hampton was on an austerity budget. He later led his 1989 East Hampton team to the State Class B Title and the Federation Semi-Finals. In 2008 they finished 2nd in the State Tournament and lost in the State Semi-Final the next season.

Ed was elected to Seton Hall's Hall of Fame in 1978, the Suffolk County Hall of Fame in 1996, the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame (as a player and a coach) in 1998, the Westchester County and East Hampton High School Hall's of Fames in 2012 and finally, the Rye Neck High School Hall of Fame in 2013.

Ed Petrie passed away on May 24, 2015 at the age of 82.





