

Taylor Vallerga - Running Backs Coach

Taylor is a graduate of Mountain View High School (class of 1987), and is now a teacher and coach himself at MVHS. Vallerga received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Oregon State University in 1992. After spending four years in Portland, he moved back to Bend in 1996 and joined the football coaching staff at MVHS. That same year, Vallerga went back to school to obtain his teaching degree, finishing his credential in 1998. The next year, he began teaching at Mountain View and is currently teaching psychology, A.P psychology and US history. Vallerga's high school playing career at MVHS featured two years as a varsity letterman, while being selected as an All-IMC punter, defensive back and third team All-State punter, as a junior. His senior year, he was chosen as an All-IMC punter, receiver and defensive back, and was also selected to play in the 1987 Shrine All-Star game. During Vallerga's coaching career at MVHS, he has had the honor of working with many of the men who were there to coach for him in high school (his mentors), including his father Paul Vallerga, Paul Smith and former MVHS head coach John Nehl. He has coached defensive backs, receivers and punters, and is currently coaching running backs.