

Raymond Williams was a two-time state champion in the discus and in 1993 won the state discus and shotput titles as he led Belton to second place at the state 4-A track meet---the Tiger's best finish since winning state in 1909. Williams was also a two-time defensive District MVP as a LB and was named to the 4-A all-state football team as a junior.

Raymond was born on Jan. 15, 1974, to John and Linda Williams and was one of four children (with Mike, John, and Lisa) raised in Belton. He attended SouthWest Elementary School, Belton Jr. H.S. and Belton H.S., graduating in 1993. Raymond played basketball as a freshman but concentrated on football and track and field in his last three years in high school. He became one of only five Tiger athletes (with Richard Inman, David Bartek, Brett Stafford, and Darren Brinkley) to make all-state in two sports as he starred in both track and field and football.

As a sophomore in 1991 Williams won 2nd in the district (151'8) and at the regional (160'4") in the discus and finished 4th at the state meet. As a junior (1992) he won the state discus championship at 183'0" (10 feet better than second place) after winning the regional meet with an even better throw (184'7"). He also reached his personal best of 189'9"---a mark that broke the school record (183'10") by Timmy Brown in 1970. Williams finished 3rd in the shotput (54'3") in District in 1992. He had that rare combination of strength and speed as he ran a 4.7 40-yd dash and ran on Belton's 440-yd relay team which finished 5th at District.

In Williams' senior year of 1993 he won the state 4-A discus championship at 184'7" (13 feet better than second place but short of the state record of 191'11") and the shotput title at 59'10" to score 20 of Belton's 27 points at the state meet (David Moreland was third in the pole vault and Jerome Stowers was sixth in the high jump) for a second place team finish (by only one point) to state champion San Angelo Lakeview. Williams had earlier won the discus (179'7") and shotput (59'6") at the regional meet.

Raymond was a 6'0" 235-lb. middle linebacker as a soph in 1990 on the Tiger team that was 2-8 on the year. He set school record for most tackles (solo + assists) in a single game at 25 in 1990 (a record that still stood in 2001). Williams was voted the Defensive MVP of District 18-4A in 1990 and was named honorable mention All-State. He was a junior in 1991 on the 9-2 Tiger team that beat (eventual) 1991 state 4-A champion A&M Consolidated 41-21 early in the year but lost in Bi-District to Chapel Hill. He was chosen again as the defensive MVP of District 18-4A and was named 2nd team 4-A all-state at LB by the Texas Sportswriters Association. As a 6'0" 245 lb. senior in 1992 on the Tiger team that was 6-3-1 on the year, Williams was named 2nd team 25-4A All-District and honorable mention All-State by the Texas sportswriters as he missed several games because of an ankle injury. Williams was known for his "intense play," "vicious hitting" and "bone-jarring tackles."

Raymond Williams was named by the Killeen Daily Herald in 2005 to its all-time All-Centex defensive team—only four other Belton boys (Richard

Inman on defense & Darren Brinkley, Randy Winkler & Ted Williams on offense) made the offensive or defensive honor team.

Raymond was recruited by several Division I football programs (e.g., the University of Houston) but signed with Blinn Junior College where he played defensive end and linebacker for one year (1993) before leaving school. In 2009 Raymond Williams, 35, and his wife, Kenya, and their five children, Teosha, 19; Tanesha, 18; Raymond, 14; Daymond, 9; & Jaden, 6; lived in Austin where Raymond has worked for several years as a senior production technician with Dell Computer.