

Greg Hughes was named to the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association all-state team as a senior in 1998 after leading Belton to the bi-district championship. He went on to play baseball at Temple College and Mary Hardin-Baylor University.

Greg Hughes was born May 29, 1980, in Temple to Michael and Peggy Hughes and was raised in Belton with his older sister, Shelley. Greg's maternal grandfather, Glenn Lowe, was a football and track star at Texas Tech University and served as principal of Belton High School from 1956-1969. Greg's mother has taught English at BHS since 1971 and his father is currently employed by Spinn Drywall.

Greg attended Leon Heights Elementary School, Belton Jr. H.S. and Belton H.S., graduating in 1998. He played soccer as a freshman and football as a sophomore but concentrated on baseball his last two years in high school. In his soph year of 1996 he played on the JV baseball team and (at the end of the year) the varsity team which was 17-11 on the year. As a junior in 1997 Greg played first base and hit .322 (.475 during district play) with 28 RBIs and 1 HR and was named 1st team all-district after the 21-13 Tigers won Bi-District over Round Rock Westwood but lost to Round Rock H.S. (who won state that year) in the regional quarterfinals.

As a senior in 1998 the 6'1" 210 lb. left-handed first baseman and pitcher led the Tigers to a 21-12 record and the District championship. After a bye in bi-district the Tigers lost to Klein Oak in the Area round of the playoffs. Greg hit .423 on the year with 34 RBIs and 7 HRs. He also posted a 3-1 record with 4 saves as a pitcher. In a doubleheader against Temple H.S. Greg pitched a complete game one-hitter in the first game and pitched the first four innings of the second game. For the day Greg was 4 for 6 with 1 HR and 4 RBIs and struck out 14 batters. He led District 13-5A with 6 HRs and was second in batting average and on-base percentage. Greg received the team MVP award and the Tiger Legacy Award. He was named 1st team all-district; MVP of the District; 1st team all-area; 1st team All-Centex; 1st team Super-Centex; and all-state in 5A by the Texas H.S. Baseball Coaches Association. His teammate, Rocky Allen, was also named to the all-state team.

Greg was recruited by the University of Iowa, the University of Dallas, Dallas Baptist, UMHB, San Jacinto J.C. and Temple College. He signed with Temple College and hit .308 as a Fr before missing most of the 1999 season with a broken foot. He was the starting first baseman for Temple College as a soph in 2000 and received a baseball scholarship to play at UMHB but missed most of his junior year of 2001 with a severe ankle injury (he was hitting .298 before the injury). He did not play his senior year of 2002.

Hughes was a 3-Time Academic All-Conference performer and graduated from UMHB in 2002. He received an M.A. in ED in 2006 from UMHB and was working on a doctorate in ED in 2009. Since 2003 he has taught and coached at Belton, Academy, Judson and Wagner and was an assistant/associate principal at Poteet. In 2009 Greg Hughes, 29, was an assistant principal at Belton H.S. and lived in Belton.