

David Luechtefeld grew up on a dairy farm ten miles south of the small town of Okawville, Illinois in Washington County. He attended a two-room school at St. Anthony Catholic Grade School in Lively Grove, Illinois. Upon graduation, he attended Okawville High School and graduated in 1958. He then entered St. Louis University on a basketball and baseball scholarship and graduated in 1962 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He was inducted into the St. Louis University Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame and the Basketball Hall of Fame. David also earned a Master of Science Degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

In 1962 he began teaching History and Government at Okawville High School and taught for 33 years. He was the head baseball coach for 28 years. He was also the head basketball coach for 38 years and served as Athletic Director.

David Luechtefeld was appointed in 1995 to be the State Senator for the 58th District. He served in that capacity for 21 years. He served as the Assistant Minority Leader for 14 years and the Deputy Minority Leader for one year. He retired from the Senate in 2017.