

Coach:

Effective July 1, 2016, the PIAA requires **all (volunteer and/or paid)** coaches at PIAA schools to have successfully completed two courses: Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid, Health and Safety. Any new coach (volunteer and/or paid) will have two years to complete the coursework from the date of their Board approval.

The PIAA approved providers for these courses are the NFHS (\$95.00), Human Kinetics (varies), and Safe Schools as long as the District is a member. Currently, the Bellefonte Area School District is a member of Safe Schools. This allows our coaches to complete the courses required without any out of pocket expense. (Not sure how long that this will be the case.)

NOTE: *PIAA will accept an American Red Cross and American Heart Association First Aid training for the first aid requirement. PIAA will accept college-level courses for either the coaching and/or First Aid. You must upload your transcript or certification card indicating successful completion. Please know that course-specific courses will not be accepted.*

BASD School Employees - You already have an account. You need to email Leslie and ask her to open up the courses for you to take.

"Non-district" employee coaches - you need to fill out this [spreadsheet](#) with a username, your name, an email address, and your sport. Once you fill out the form, please email Leslie Elder (lelder@basd.net) to let her know that your information has been added to the spreadsheet. She will set you up an account and you will then be able to access the SafeSchools site.

Log into [SafeSchools](#) and complete the courses below:

Fundamentals of Coaching Coursework:

Athletic Liability, Conflict Management: Managing the Angry Parent, Title IX and Gender Equity in Athletics, Hazing, Steroid and PED Awareness in Athletics, Emergency Operations Planning: Building the Plan, Emergency Operations Planning: Implementing the Plan, Sensitivity Awareness, Conflict Management: Student-to-Student, Diversity Awareness: Staff-to-Student, and Online Safety: Cyberbullying

First Aid Coursework:

First-Aid, Sport Supervision & Safety, Heat Illness Prevention, Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse, AED, and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Once you have completed all the courses outlined above, you will need to email Leslie Elder (lelder@basd.net) informing her of your completion. She will in turn issue you certificate(s) of completion of the coursework that meets the requirements for Fundamentals of Coaching and/or First Aid Course.

Now that you have the certificates, you need to make an account on the PIAA website. Please follow the instructions on this [website](#). Once you have uploaded your certificates, please inform the Athletic Department so they can verify the successful completion and PIAA approval.