Coaching Certification Process: Certified Teacher Coaches

Please contact Phil Coyle's office at Erie 1 BOCES (821-7530 or 913-7120/cell) for assistance with teacher coaches.

Please note that non-teacher and volunteer coaches are handled through the Erie 1 BOCES Certification Office/Janice Kilijanski (821-7194) for licensing. If your district is located under another BOCES, you must apply for licensing through that BOCES.

Basic Information

A) Certified Teacher Coaches include physical education teachers and teachers of other subjects. Only individuals that hold NYS teacher certification for a subject area do not have to apply for a Temporary or Professional Coaching License.

B) Certified Physical Education teachers must have the following:
   - Valid First Aid
   - Valid CPR certification
   - Dignity for All Students (DASA), only if not certified or going for another Degree

C) Teachers of subjects other than physical education must have the following:
   - Valid First Aid
   - Valid CPR certification
   - Dignity for All Students (DASA), only if going for another Degree
   - Philosophy, Principles and Organization of Athletics in Education completed within two (2) years of their initial appointment as a coach. Coaches of non-contact, non-strenuous sports only need this one course (bowling, golf, table tennis, badminton, rifle, archery, shuffleboard).
   - Health Sciences Applied to Coaching and Theory & Techniques of Coaching (sport specific) completed within five (5) years of their initial appointment.
   - Workshop: Child Abuse Identification
   - Workshop: School Violence Intervention and Prevention (SAVE)
   - Fingerprint Clearance

D) Extensions: applicants with extenuating circumstances may apply to SED for an extension of time to complete the coaching courses.

E) Equivalent Experience: applicants who have taken college level coaching courses similar to the NYS required course work may request a review of transcripts and course descriptions from SED for equivalent experience.

F) Maintaining Records: It is the duty of the Chief School Officer to ensure that all coaches are correctly certified to coach. This duty is usually delegated to the Director of Physical Education/Athletics to maintain records and ensure all coaches have valid certifications and course work completion.