

Athletic Coaching Endorsement

The Brevard Public Schools Athletic Coaching Endorsement Program consists of three college-course equivalent in-service courses that have been approved by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE). The courses are mandated by the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) and cover the following topics: Athletic Coaching Theory; Sports Medicine; and Sports Specific Training. Each course is a 60-hour equivalent course with objectives stated in the Master In-service Plan for Brevard County. Along with the Sports Medicine course (or First Aid course online) a valid certificate in CPR through American Red Cross or American Heart Association is required for certification.

All paid community coaches who do not hold a state-issued teaching certificate must hold the Athletic Coaching certification in order to be hired. Community coaches may apply to the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) for a temporary athletic coaching certificate when they are hired at <https://certify.fldoe.org/publicweb/default.aspx>. Community coaches do not have to complete any courses prior to issuance of the temporary certificate. When the temporary certificate is issued, the coach has three fiscal years (from July 1 of the year of issue) to complete the required three coaching courses and hold a valid CPR card.

Once the three coaching courses are completed, verified by the district, and submitted to Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) electronically the coach applies for his/her five year coaching certificate at: <https://certify.fldoe.org/publicweb/default.aspx>. The coaching certificate will be valid for five years. Every five years the coach will need to re-apply for another five-year coaching certificate.

Educational Services Facility

The Office of Professional Learning & Development offers all three athletic coaching courses free of charge to our community coaches and teachers each year. The courses at this time are all face-to-face courses and are held evenings at the Educational Services Facility (ESF) and the Clearlake Education Center in Cocoa during the school year. The schedule of courses is advertised through the Leadership Team Packets that go to school principals every week; the course offerings are also posted on the Brevard Public Schools website.

Human Kinetics - Online

For those coaches who cannot attend the face-to-face courses at the ESF, we collaborate with the American Sport Education Program (ASEP) to offer them online coaching courses. The American Sport Education Program has changed their name; the new name is the *Human Kinetics Coach Education Center*. Currently the online Human Kinetic Coach Education courses carry a charge to the participant of \$50 - \$70 each. Any online coaching courses completed by our coaches can be transferred to Brevard Public Schools in-service records. The website for this new program is www.HumanKineticsCoachEducationCenters.com.

For information regarding current course offerings and registration, contact Joanne Bogle at 321-633-1000, ext. 209. For information regarding the Athletic Coaching Endorsement Program, contact Sharon Doucett-Doran at 633-1000 ext. 211 or Dinah Kramer at ext. 210.

The next "face to face" Athletic Coaching Endorsement course available for registration can be found on the Professional Development page, under the Athletic Coaching Certification Requirement link.