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NFHS Learning Center Delivers One Million Online Education Courses in 2015

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (November 23, 2015) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) delivered its one millionth online education course of the year on November 18 – the first time that feat has been accomplished in a calendar year since the NFHS Coach Education Program was started in 2007.

"It is humbling to deliver one million courses this year and know people are getting involved in professional development," said Dan Schuster, NFHS Director of Coach Education. "I truly believe there is potential to deliver millions of courses annually and hope that this is only the beginning."

When the NFHS launched its Coach Education Program almost nine years ago, its purpose was to promote learning among interscholastic coaches and educate them as to their roles in an educationbased setting, while keeping costs minimal to the users. The program was started with two courses – Fundamentals of Coaching and First Aid for Coaches – and a total of 15,196 courses were delivered that first year. Now, 39 courses are available through the NFHS Learning Center at <u>www.NFHSLearn.com</u>, and more than 3.8 million courses have been delivered. Sixteen of the 39 courses are available free of charge. This year, the NFHS has expanded its services of online education courses to officials, students and music adjudicators in an effort to reach all groups involved with education-based activity programs.

"We are elated that the NFHS Coach Education Program has delivered its one millionth course for the first time in a calendar year," said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. "It is a true testimony to the value of the program to our nation's high school coaches and a credit to their desire to better serve their student-athletes. We are also glad that <u>www.nfhslearn.com</u> has expanded its users to go beyond coaches to reach parents, officials, administrators and students. Our plan is to continue to grow to serve additional high school constituents."

For more information on the NFHS Learning Center, click on the following link: <u>http://www.nfhs.org/articles/nfhs-learning-center-delivers-one-million-online-education-courses-in-2015/</u>

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About the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

The NFHS, based in Indianapolis, Indiana, is the national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts activities. Since 1920, the NFHS has led the development of education-based interscholastic sports and performing arts activities that help students succeed in their lives. The NFHS sets direction for the future by building awareness and support, improving the participation experience, establishing consistent standards and rules for competition, and helping those who oversee high school sports and activities. The NFHS writes playing rules for 16 sports for boys and girls at the high school level. Through its 50 member state associations and the District of Columbia, the NFHS reaches more than 19,000 high schools and 11 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.8 million in high school sports. As the recognized national authority on interscholastic activity programs, the NFHS conducts national meetings; sanctions interstate events; offers online publications and services for high school coaches and officials; sponsors professional organizations for high school coaches, officials, speech and debate coaches, and music adjudicators; serves as the national source for interscholastic coach training; and serves as a national information resource of interscholastic athletics and activities. For more information, visit the NFHS website at <u>www.nfhs.org</u>.

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