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NFHS Learning Center Delivers 7,000,000th Course

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (July 24, 2018) — The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has now delivered more than seven million online education courses through its NFHS Learning Center at www.NFHSLearn.com.

Last week, the Learning Center delivered its 7,000,000th course – 11½ years after launching the site in 2007 as the NFHS Coaches Education Program. Originally designed for high school coaches with two core courses – *Fundamentals of Coaching* and *First Aid for Coaches* – the Learning Center has since expanded to include education courses for administrators, students, parents, officials, performing arts adjudicators/directors and others.

“We just delivered our 5,000,000th course a year and a half ago, so the fact that we have delivered another two million courses during that time is amazing,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS director of educational services. “The interest in online education continues to grow, so we are committed to adding new courses every year to meet the needs of all groups associated with high school activity programs.”

Currently, 61 courses are available through the NFHS Learning Center, including 27 that are available free of charge. The most popular free course has been Concussion in Sports, which was recently updated, with more than 3.8 million courses delivered. Other popular free courses have been *Heat Illness Prevention* (also recently updated), *Sportsmanship*, *Sudden Cardiac Arrest*, and *Bullying, Hazing and Inappropriate Behaviors*.

Among the new free courses in the performing arts area are *Understanding Copyright and Compliance*, and *Adjudicating Speech and Debate*.

In addition to 16 sport-specific courses for coaches, the Learning Center offers eight sport-specific officiating courses, as well as *Teaching Sports Skills* and *AACCA Spirit Safety Certification*.

“The NFHS Learning Center has been a tremendous resource to many individuals involved in high school sports and activities,” said Bob Gardner, NFHS executive director. “We applaud everyone who continues to invest in these educational opportunities through the NFHS Learning Center.”

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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 12 million participants in high school activity programs, including more than 7.9 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 www.nfhs.org.

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