
[EXTERNAL SENDER] Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) Earns Level 3 Status in NFHS School Honor Roll for Fourth Time

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INDIANAPOLIS, IN (September 13, 2023) – The **Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush** in **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**, has earned Level 3 status for the fourth time in the School Honor Roll program initiated three years ago by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS). The Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush is the only school in the nation to earn Level 3 status every year since the program's inception in 2020.

The NFHS School Honor Roll is a national recognition program designed to promote professional development for high school coaches by completing specific online education courses through the NFHS Learning Center (www.NFHSLearn.com).

In earning Level 3 status, more than 90 percent of the coaches at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush completed the following required courses in the NFHS Learning Center:

“Sportsmanship,” “Strength and Conditioning,” “Teaching and Modeling Behavior,” “Engaging Effectively with Parents” and “Bullying, Hazing, and Inappropriate Behaviors.”

In 2020, the coaches at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush (AABR) completed the core course “Fundamentals of Coaching” along with other Level 1 required courses: “Concussion in Sports,” “Sudden Cardiac Arrest” and “Protecting Students from Abuse.” AABR was the first school in Pennsylvania to earn Level 1 status. The school then earned Level 3 status for the first time later that year as more than 90 percent of its coaches completed the aforementioned courses.

“We want to congratulate the coaches and administration at Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush in earning Level 3 status for the fourth time in the NFHS School Honor Roll program,” said Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS executive director. “This is truly an outstanding – and unprecedented – accomplishment and a strong indication of the school’s commitment to professional development for its coaches. These courses will be very beneficial for the coaches at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush, and we hope this encourages other schools to follow their example and complete all levels of courses in the School Honor Roll.”

“The coaches from the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush embraced the courses available on NFHS Learn and are proud to achieve this honor for the fourth consecutive year,” said Todd Corabi, CAA, athletic director at the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush. “As lifelong educators first, each of our coaches recognize the importance of staying up to date with the topics NFHS Learn has to offer which, of course, in addition to sport-specific courses, include health, safety and injury prevention, team management, and mental/emotional health – all free or low cost. I, for one, look forward to additional courses with trending topics such as the current NIL course that I’m sure will be updated as that topic evolves.”

As a physical sign of completing Level 3 certification, the Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush will receive a large Level 3 display banner for its school gymnasium to commemorate the school’s accomplishments and dedication to professional development and education-based activity programs.

Schools can earn Level 2 status (and a Level 2 banner) on the NFHS School Honor Roll when more than 90 percent of their coaches – excluding volunteer coaches – complete courses that pertain specifically to sports they coach, along with “First Aid, Health and Safety,” “Heat Illness Prevention” and “Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.”

“Earning the NFHS School Honor Roll banner is a symbol that the school and its coaches are committed to providing a great experience for young people, and it’s something that everyone can be proud of within their communities,” said Dan Schuster, NFHS Director of Educational Services.

For more information on the NFHS School Honor Roll and to apply for participation in the program, please visit <https://nfhslearn.com/home/administrators>.

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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 17 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 19,500 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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