

## Please direct inquiries to:

Jim Foudy, Superintendent 208-578-5000, jfoudy@blaineschools.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2023

## **Wood River High School Makes National Honor Roll**

HAILEY, ID – Wood River High School has earned Level 1 status in the National Federation of State High School Associations Honor Roll, becoming the first Idaho school to earn the designation.

The NFHS School Honor Roll is a national recognition program that promotes professional development for high school coaches by offering online education courses through the <u>NFHS Learning Center</u>.

"We want to congratulate the coaches and administration at Wood River High School for being the first school in Idaho to take this significant step in prioritizing professional development," said Dr. Karissa Niehoff, NFHS chief executive officer. "These four courses will definitely help the coaches at Wood River High School to handle the daily challenges in high school sports and should serve as a challenge for other schools to follow their example."

More than 90 percent of the coaches at Wood River High School completed the core course, "Fundamentals of Coaching," along with three of the Learning Center's most significant courses, "Concussion in Sports," "Sudden Cardiac Arrest," and "Protecting Students from Abuse." Completing those courses earned the school its Level 1 status.

"At Wood River High School, we are exceptionally proud of our coaches and their continued dedication to professional development," said Kevin Stilling, WHS Activities and Athletic Director. "We are proud to become the first school in Idaho accepted into the NFHS Honor Roll program."

WRHS will receive a large display banner for its school gymnasium to commemorate its accomplishments completing Level 1 certification and its dedication to professional development and education-based activity programs.

As part of the NFHS School Honor Roll program, schools can earn Level 2 status when more than 90 percent of their coaches complete courses that pertain specifically to the sports they coach, along with "First Aid, Health and Safety," "Heat Illness Prevention" and "Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention." Level 3 status is earned when 90 percent of coaches complete the "Sportsmanship," "Strength and Conditioning," "Teaching and Modeling Behavior," "Engaging Effectively with Parents" and "Bullying, Hazing, and Inappropriate Behaviors" courses.

For more information on the NFHS School Honor Roll, visit https://nfhslearn.com/home/administrators.