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Coaches' Tool Chest Covers New Mandated Requirement for Coaches

Administrators should be aware that there has been an updated interpretation of the Ohio Administrative Code related to Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS). The Ohio Department of Education (ODE) legal team has determined that, per item 16 of rule 3301-35-15 (<https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-administrative-code/rule-3301-35-15>) of the Code, athletic coaches working with students on a daily basis are required to have PBIS professional development and, therefore, each District EMIS Coordinator must report how coaches are receiving that professional development on an annual basis. Districts must have an implementation plan in place by June 30, 2023, with training to be completed by June 30, 2024.

The OHSAA and ODE have worked with Coaches' Tool Chest to provide the new requirement since its training platform is already in place. Coaches' Tool Chest is the OHSAA's exclusive one-stop provider for coaches training and education that allows a coach to obtain all the required coursework needed to obtain a Pupil Activity Permit (PAP) to be a valid coach in Ohio. Effective Oct. 1, 2022, PBIS professional development will be added to this already all-inclusive platform for coaches' education statewide. The cost of the training will remain \$49, including the additional PBIS content.

"It's great that the Coaches' Tool Chest will be providing the PBIS content," said OHSAA Executive Director Doug Ute. "If fact, I can't say enough positive things about the overall platform since it's all-encompassing, will save coaches time and is less costly. Coaches' Tool Chest helps the OHSAA's commitment to maintain the best and safest environment for our participants."

Coaches' Tool Chest is also working with the Buckeye Association of School Administrators (BASA) and will be presenting more information about its coaches' education training platform at the upcoming BASA conference in early October in Columbus. For more information, go to www.coachestoolchest.com or email info@coachestoolchest.com.