



## POLICY 5160

### COMMUNITY COACHES

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#### **POLICY:**

The safety of students shall always be a primary concern at school, and during all school-sanctioned activities. Wherever possible, the school district relies on employees to support and sustain school sanctioned activities. However, Rocky Mountain School District recognizes the important contribution of members of the community in coaching school sports. Community coaches are important adults in the lives of students having sole responsibility for supervision, education, and travel with students. In addition to requirements for volunteers, set out in Policy 4000, the Board of Education for Rocky Mountain School District believes community coaches should be supported to:

- (a) Learn the ways coaches successfully and respectfully interact with students.
- (b) Be educated about safe practices in coaching students including:
  - a. Injury awareness and prevention
  - b. Awareness of potential risks to student athletes' wellness
  - c. Awareness of child protection issues with respect to school athletes
- (c) Identify safety measures and emergency response plans for athletes in sport.