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Participation in organized, sanctioned high school sports provides natural opportunities to infuse Positive Youth Development principles and practices into our programming. Students are coached by pro-social and positive adult role models and learn the importance of following the rules, of teamwork and of working hard to achieve a goal.

In February, the Ridge View Academy RAMS basketball team outlasted the Denver School of Science and Technology Raptors to win their fourth Confluence League championship. The gym was “rocking” as Ridge View’s student body, 200 strong, joined family members to ensure a “home court” advantage.

The players’ efforts in practice and pro-social relationships with coaching staff were not the only significant Positive Youth Development victories as a music class student sang the National Anthem, JROTC students presented “Colors” and Culinary Arts students served guests at the concession stand. A student donned the RAMS team mascot costume and led coordinated cheers and the “wave” to keep the student body “revved up.” Students and staff beamed with campus pride and school spirit as parents cheered for their sons as they competed in a normalized high school activity.

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