

Students

First Aid/Emergency Medical Care

Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

The Regional 14 School District strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff, parents and community as they learn and recreate in school facilities. In achieving a safe environment, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) shall be placed at each school within the District by July 1, 2010, if funding is available. The AED and trained personnel shall be available during (1) the school's normal operational hours, (2) school-sponsored athletic events and practices on school grounds, and (3) school-sponsored events not taking place during normal school operational hours. The automatic external defibrillators shall be used in emergency situations when sudden cardiac arrest occurs (*or shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use*). Each school shall also have school staff trained in the use of AEDs and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Such training shall be in accordance with the standards set forth by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. Only individuals who have completed the required initial training and recurrent training as specified by state law and regulations and as advised by the District's Medical Advisor will administer the device.

Two or more persons in each building including the school nurse or nurse's assistant, will be trained and certified in the use of an AED.

The AED will be stored in an accessible location in each school. The defibrillators shall be maintained and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored by the school nurse. (or medical advisor, athletic director, safety coordinator, etc.)

Students who inappropriately access and/or use an AED will be deemed to have violated the school's conduct code and subject to disciplinary action.

Automatic external defibrillators will be maintained according to manufacturers' specifications on the premises of each building in the District by July 1, 2010 if funding is available. The AED will be used in emergency situations warranting its use by individuals specifically trained in the application of the device (AED) and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) through a training program meeting standards set forth by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association and the Connecticut Department of Public Health.

The Emergency Medical Service System is to be activated immediately upon discovery of a situation in which the use of an AED is anticipated, as required. Activation will be via the 911 emergency telephone system. The activation of the Emergency Medical Service System must not be delayed due to the actual or anticipated use of an AED.

Each AED within the District shall be registered with the Town's Emergency Medical Service provider and with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. A report shall be forwarded to the local EMS provider for medical review (*and to the District's Medical Advisor*) each time an AED is activated.

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The [Medical Advisor, Principal, Superintendent, etc.] may specify that an authorized user may bring an AED to other areas of a school or its grounds for the purpose of standing by at specific events or activities. A communication mechanism will be established for the purpose of notifying trained authorized users within each building of the relocation of an AED from its usual place of storage.

A regulation will delineate the procedures to be followed when using an AED. The procedure constitutes a physician's order and is to be written by the District's Medical Advisor.

Teachers and other school personnel, who have fulfilled the training requirements of this policy, providing emergency first aid involving the use of an AED shall be immune from liability if they meet the statutory requirements for immunity, which include a course in first aid that includes CPR and training in the use of AEDs provided in accordance with the standards of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

The Board recognizes that in accordance with applicable legislation, it does not have to comply with these provisions if state, federal, or private funding is not available to it for AED purchasing and for school personnel training.

The Board recognizes that it may, in lieu of purchasing an AED, accept an AED donation provided the donated AED meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and the device is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. The Board may also accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for an AED purchase and the costs of (1) inspecting and maintaining the device and (2) training staff in its use.

Emergency Action Response Plans

Not later than July 1, 2010, each school shall develop an emergency action response plan addressing the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. Also by July 1, 2010, each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program shall develop an emergency action response plan addressing appropriate school personnel response to the same circumstances while attending or participating in an athletic event or practice on school grounds.

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- (cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)
- (cf. 5141.1 - Care of Accidents)
- (cf. 5141.26 - Emergency Situation with No Nurse in School)
- (cf. 5141.3 - Health Assessments and Immunizations)
- (cf. 5142 - Safety)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.
- 52-557b “Good Samaritan law.” Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render (as amended by P.A. 09-59).
- P.A. 09-59 An Act Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators.
- P.A. 09-94 An Act Concerning the Availability of Automatic External Defibrillators in Schools.
- Public Law 106-505 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act.
- Public Law 105-170 Aviator Medical Assistance Act.
- Public Law 107-188 The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act.

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