

USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Automated external defibrillators (AEDs) shall be made available in designated school locations to be used in administering emergency care to individuals who may be experiencing a heart-related emergency (e.g., cardiac arrest, ventricular fibrillation) for which the use of an AED may be indicated.

In administering this policy, the District will follow state law requirements and shall also:

1. Arrange for the provision of training on both the use of the AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) to at least all full-time administrative staff, all registered nurses and health assistants who regularly render services on school premises, all individuals who are designated by the district as site-based first responders, and any other individuals who may be specifically designated to provide such emergency care services in the district. The District Administrator or their administrative-level designee may approve requests to provide such training to additional school personnel.
2. Maintain and test each AED unit in accordance with any operational guidelines of the manufacturer.
3. Notify the nearest emergency medical services program of the type of defibrillators that are present in the District and the location(s) of the defibrillators, as well as of any changes to this information.

In the event that a medical emergency for which the use of an AED may be indicated occurs in a location where a District-supplied AED is present, the AED may be used. When necessary, an AED may be used (by following the device's instructions) by a person who has not previously received any AED training. However, without causing any undue delay in providing the emergency care, school personnel who are responding to such an emergency should make reasonable efforts to defer any use of an AED to the most-qualified individual who is present at the scene. Such school personnel shall also ensure that 911 is contacted as soon as practical.

After an incident involving the use of an AED, the incident and the services rendered should be documented according to the District's emergency nursing services procedures. In addition, a debriefing team of relevant school personnel, including a registered nurse serving the schools and the designated school safety coordinator, shall meet and review the AED-related incident to determine whether any changes or improvements to District procedures can be identified. The review team may include the District's medical advisor if they are available.

In consultation as needed with a registered nurse serving the District, the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services or their administrative-level designee shall be responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and any associated procedures.

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