BOARD POLICY

822 Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

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PURPOSE

The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community.

Maintaining automated external defibrillator (AED) units and staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the schools enables responders to deliver early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims.

DEFINITION

Automated external defibrillator (AED) - a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.[1]

AUTHORITY

Each school **building** shall have one (1) person **trained and** certified in the use of **an AED and** CPR during **the school day** when school is in session and students are present.[2][3]

Each school nurse or designee, coach of an athletic activity, marching band director, physical education teacher and athletic trainer in the district must participate in instruction in the use of an AED and CPR and maintain their certification.[2]

The AED units are owned by the district and shall be properly maintained **and tested,** and located in secure and accessible locations.

The district shall have an AED in a readily accessible location for students participating in interscholastic athletics and practices. Individuals trained in the use of an AED and CPR will be present during these times.[4][5]

The AED units shall be used in accordance with approved district procedures.

GUIDELINES

A core team shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program offered by approved providers. Members of the team shall be provided opportunities for annual training and retraining.

The district shall make instruction in the use of an AED available to all its employees and volunteers at least once every two (2) years. The instruction is optional and shall be conducted by an approved provider that may be through the Internet or other electronic means.[2]

The district may make instruction on the principles and techniques of CPR and the use of operating an AED available to students.[2]

Written guidelines for medical emergencies related to the use of AED units shall be provided to all **employees instructed in the use of an AED**.

Responders' use of AED units shall not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Patient care shall be transferred to the EMS providers upon their arrival.

DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

The **Superintendent** or designee shall develop and disseminate administrative regulations that detail the use of AED units.

The Superintendent or designee shall annually, by June 30, report to the PA Department of Education detailing the number, condition, age, expiration date and placement of AEDs in each school building.[6]

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Legal Footnotes

[1] 24 P.S. 1401
LEGAL REFERENCE

[2] 24 P.S. 1423.1
LEGAL REFERENCE

[3] 24 P.S. 1424
LEGAL REFERENCE

[4] 24 P.S. 1423.3
LEGAL REFERENCE

[5] Pol. 123 — Interscholastic Athletics
POLICY REFERENCE

[6] 24 P.S. 1423.2
LEGAL REFERENCE

Legal References

No additional references listed.