

## Lower Merion School District

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### 717 USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Board of School Directors is committed to providing a safe and healthful environment. The purpose of this policy is to be prepared to treat victims who experience Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

**Automatic External Defibrillator (“AED”)** - A portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.

The AED system is a program that includes a **Medical Emergency Response Team (“MERT”)**. The MERT shall consist of staff and community members who volunteer to be part of this team. Each member must be currently certified in CPR and AED use by participating successfully in a nationally recognized training program. Written guidelines for emergencies relating to the use of AEDs and CPR are provided to all MERT members and annual training and re-training for new and current members is expected.

The Lower Merion School District will install in each of the District’s buildings a minimum of one (1) AED unit. The AED system will be facilitated in accordance with the approved District procedures. The AED units are owned by the Lower Merion School District and will be housed in secure and accessible locations.

- a. AED units will be checked each working day in each location.
- b. In the event the AED is used on a victim of cardiac arrest, an Incident Report will be completed and a copy of the recorded files will be downloaded from the AED unit and provided to the local EMT unit.
- c. A post evaluation of the MERT reaction will be scheduled.
- d. The following resources will be used to establish and maintain an AED program to meet national standards:
  1. Pennsylvania School Code, School Health Services, Automatic External Defibrillators, 24 P.S. §14-1423.
  2. American Heart Association and American Red Cross AED Guidelines.
  3. Medical Emergency Action Plans.

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4. The medical advisor of the AED program will be the Medical Director of Narberth Ambulance along with School District Medical Consultant.

5. The medical advisor of the AED program will write prescriptions required to purchase AEDs and review and approve guidelines for use.

6. An in-service training video will be made available to all trained staff and community members to review and to provide opportunity for additional reinforcement of skills learned.

The District will indemnify and hold harmless any individual who is trained at District expense to use an AED and who, in good faith, uses an AED in an emergency from any liability as a result of acts or omissions by such individuals in the use of the AED to the extent required by law.

All members of the District's MERT who have successfully completed training or any trained volunteer responder who has successfully completed an approved CPR and AED training program and has a current successful course completion card may use the AED.

### **Legal References:**

24 P.S. 14-1423

42 Pa. C.S.A. §8331.2