

Dell Rapids School District #49-3



Policies and Regulations Code: G – Personnel

GBBA AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be maintained on the premises of the Dell Rapids High School, Middle School and the Dell Rapids Elementary School. The AED shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use by individuals specially trained in the use of the device.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a condition that occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing a disturbance in the heart's electrical rhythm. This erratic and ineffective electrical rhythm causes complete cessation of the heart's normal functioning of pumping blood resulting in sudden death. The most effective treatment for this condition is the administration of an electrical current to the heart by a defibrillator delivered within a short time.

An AED is used to treat victims who experience SCA. It is only to be applied to victims, who are unconscious, without pulse, signs of circulation, and normal breathing. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver the shock.

Location, Maintenance and Testing of AED Unit

The AED will be located on the east wall across from the middle school principal's office next to the trophy case. The AED will be located on the west wall across from the elementary office windows next to the stage door. Each AED shall be maintained and tested in accordance with operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored as directed by the Superintendent/designee.

Documentation of the maintenance and testing will be kept in the nurse's office in each building. The documentation record will include the date and type of maintenance/testing and signature of the person performing the task. The message "ok" indicates no problems and all that is needed are initials next to the appropriate date on the weekly checklist. Any messages on the readiness display must be noted in the comment column and a call placed to the AED Company. Any response from the AED Company must be noted in the comments column.

Training

All Dell Rapids School District staff, coaches and administrators are eligible to complete an approved training course in the operation of AEDs. The school district will offer annual retraining for personnel who have completed the initial AED program.

Staff of co-curricular activities, that would include coaches, music directors and drama directors that house activities in the buildings that the AEDs are located, will be required to attend the training course in the operation of the AED.

All administrators are required to receive the AED training.

It is highly recommended that staff who supervise after school activities at those buildings also receive the training course on the operation of the AEDs.

LEGAL REFS.:

Adopted: 11- 2007

Amended: