Automatic External Defibrillators

In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency during the school's normal operational hours, during school-sponsored intramural athletic practices and intramural athletic events taking place on school grounds, and during school-sponsored events not occurring during the normal operational hours of the school, the Bethany Board of Education (Board) maintains Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and school personnel trained in the operation of such AEDs and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It is the policy of the Board to support the use of these AEDs and trained school personnel during medically appropriate circumstances.

Requirements concerning the use and maintenance of AEDs are set forth in the accompanying Administrative Regulations as may be supplemented by or amended by the Superintendent from time to time.

For purposes of this policy and the accompanying regulations, an AED is a device that:

1. is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;
2. contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers, or special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make a medical diagnosis, and, if necessary apply therapy;
3. guides the user through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts; and
4. does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212d

Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-175

Connecticut General Statutes § 52-557b

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Department of Public Health 19a-179-1 et seq.

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