

Board of Education Policy

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

The Board of Education recognizes that cardiac emergencies may arise that justify the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). To this end, the district shall provide and maintain AED equipment for use by qualified personnel.

The Board shall designate the School Physician to serve as an Emergency Health Care Provider to monitor the program and ensure that all designated responders are properly trained and that AEDs are properly maintained. The district and the Emergency Health Care Provider shall develop a written collaborative agreement which contains all the provisions for administration and use of this equipment including training requirements, location of AED units, the maintenance and inspection of AEDs, the identification of local emergency response providers and assurances that 911 will be called immediately for emergency assistance. The District shall file a Notice of Intent to Provide Public Access Defibrillation with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council, along with signed copy of the collaborative agreement and shall notify the Department of Health, as required. As required by the NYS Health Department, the Emergency Health Care Provider will participate in a regionally approved improvement program.

The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that AED equipment is available on-site in each instructional school facility in quantities adequate to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies, in accordance with law, District Policy and Regulation 5425.R. Each facility shall have sufficient AED equipment available to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies in quantities and types as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health. School administrators shall ensure the presence of at least one staff person who is trained in the operation and use of an AED:

- whenever public school facilities are used for school-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities, or
- whenever a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location, as such term is defined by Section 136.4 and consistent with Section 135.4 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a public school facility, the public school officials must assure that AED equipment is provided on-site and that at least one (1) individual who is trained, in accordance with Public Health Law, in the operation and use of the AED is present during such event.

The District shall post a sign or notice at the maintenance to the facility or building in which the AED unit(s) is stored, indicating the exact location where such unit(s) is stored or maintained on a regular basis.

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Pursuant to Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b, the School District (as a public access defibrillation provider), or any employee or other agent of the District who, in accordance with the provisions of law, voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using an AED to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injury or death unless caused by gross negligence.

Reference: Education Law §§912, 917
Public Health Law §§3000-a(2); 3000-b
8 NYCRR §§135.4 and 136.4
New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical
Services Policy Statement 09-03, “Public Access Defibrillation”
District Policy Regulation 5425.R

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