

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) recognizes the importance of ensuring the safety of students participating in the Bethany Public School District's (District) intramural and interscholastic athletic programs. The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for the prevention and recognition of sudden cardiac arrest in student athletes.

For purposes of this policy, "intramural or interscholastic athletics" shall include any activity sponsored by the District, as defined in Connecticut General Statutes § 10-15f, or an organization sanctioned by the District that involves any athletic contest, practice, scrimmage, competition, demonstration, display, or club activity.

Prior to each season of any District intramural or interscholastic athletics, each coach who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education (SBE) and is a coach of District intramural or interscholastic athletics, must provide each participating student's parent/guardian with a copy of the informed consent form regarding sudden cardiac arrest developed by the SBE and obtain such parent/guardian signature, attesting to the fact that such parent/guardian has received a copy of such form and authorizes the student to participate in the intramural or interscholastic athletics.

Any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the SBE and is a coach of a District intramural or interscholastic athletics shall annually review the sudden cardiac arrest awareness education program developed or approved by the SBE prior to commencing the coaching assignment for the season of such intramural or interscholastic athletics.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to relieve a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics of the coach's duties or obligations under any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes, the regulations of Connecticut state agencies, or a collective bargaining agreement.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-149f

 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-149g

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