

Descriptor Term: USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's)

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The Gulfport School District has Automatic External Defibrillator(s) (AED) for use in emergency situations warranting its use. The use/administration/maintenance of the AED is subject to the following conditions:

**1. Location of the AED (s)**

The site administrator and/or in conjunction with the school nurse, shall select and approve the location(s) for the AED(s).

**2. Authorized Employees/Training of Users**

AED's will only be administered by those employees trained in their use. The school nurse will be the primary designee and others may be designated by the Principal, in consultation with the school nurse. Employees will only be authorized after they have successfully received and completed appropriate training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use as defined by Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated: 41-60-31 through 41-60-35.

**3. Maintenance**

AED's will be maintained by the Principal or his/her designee. Maintenance shall be done according to the AED manufacturer's specifications. The Principal will maintain a record of all maintenance which has been performed on the AED(s).

**4. Incident Reporting**

The Principal, his/her designee or the School Nurse, his/her designee, shall report all instances of AED usage to the Chief Operations Officer.

**5. Liability Limited**

The District, and persons administering the AED(s), shall enjoy the limitations of liability as defined in Mississippi Code 73-25-37, "(2)(a) Any person who in good faith, with or without compensation, renders emergency care or treatment by the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in accordance with the provisions of Sections 41-60-31 through 41-60-35, as well as the person responsible for the site where the AED is located if the person has provided for compliance with the provision of Sections 41-60-31 through 41-60-35, shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury as a result of that care or treatment, or as a result of an act, or failure to act, in providing or arranging further medical treatment, where the person acts as an ordinary, reasonably prudent person would have acted under the same or similar circumstances

and the person's actions or failure to act does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence.

*Statutory Reference:*

*Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated: 73-25-37*

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