

SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Salem, Connecticut

STUDENTS

First Aid/Emergency Medical Care

USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED'S)

The Salem Board of Education strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff, parents, and the community. In achieving a safe environment, automatic external defibrillators (AED's) are accessible on school grounds at Salem School for use in emergency medical situations. Such AED's are not intended to and do not replace the assistance of qualified medical professionals.

The AED's shall only be used by individuals properly trained in the use of an AED in accordance with applicable state statutes. The AED's and school personnel trained in the operation of an AED and/or the use of CPR shall be accessible during each school's normal operational hours, during school-sponsored athletic practices and athletic events taking place on school grounds and during school-sponsored events not occurring during the normal operational hours of the school.

Emergency Action Response Plan

[By July 1, 2010] Each school shall develop an emergency action response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. For each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program the emergency action response plan must also address the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event while on school grounds.

The District's continued use of AED's and training of personnel is subject to available Federal, State or private funding.

The Superintendent (or designee) shall be responsible for developing administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy and consistent with relevant law.

The AED's on school grounds are Salem Board of Education property. Any employee, student or other individual who inappropriately accesses and/or uses an AED will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from school and/or termination of employment. Civil and/or criminal liability may also be imposed on any student, employee or individual who inappropriately accesses and/or uses an AED.

(cf 5114 – Removal/Suspension/Expulsion)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes:

§10-221 Board of Education to Prescribe Rules

§52-557b “Good Samaritan Law.” Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render. (as amended by P.A. 09-59).

Public Act 09-94 An Act Concerning the Availability of Automatic External Defibrillators in Schools

Public Law 106-505 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act

Public Law 105-170 Aviator Medical Assistance Act

Public Law 107-188 The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act

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