

USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILATORS (AEDs)

First Aid/Emergency Medical Care

LEARN strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff, parents and community as they learn and recreate in school facilities. In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest, LEARN will maintain an automatic external defibrillator (AED) and personnel trained in the operation of AEDs at each school, subject to available funding. The AED and school personnel trained in its operation and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall be accessible during the 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.

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 similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. Each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program 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 attending or participating in an athletic practice or event while on school grounds.

Training of personnel shall be in accordance with the standards set forth by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. Only individuals who have completed the required initial training and recurrent training as specified by state law and regulations and as advised by the District's Medical Advisor will administer an AED.

The AED will be stored in an accessible location in the assigned schools, shall be maintained and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored by the school nurse.

Students who inappropriately access and/or use an AED will be deemed to have violated the school's conduct code and **be** subject to disciplinary action.

Each AED shall be registered with the local Emergency Medical Service provider and with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. A report shall be forwarded to the local EMS provider for medical review and to LEARN's Medical Advisor each time an AED is activated.

Teachers and other school personnel, who have fulfilled the training requirements of this policy, who provide emergency first aid involving the use of an AED shall be immune from liability if they meet the statutory requirements for immunity, which include a course in first aid that includes CPR and training in the use of AEDs provided in accordance with the standards of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-212d Availability of automatic external defibrillators in schools. Emergency action response plans for life-threatening emergencies

10-221 Boards 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.

[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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