



Desha's Law

- Requires training for all Staff and Students on the AED's in the building(s), their location(s) and how to access them, and recognizing the signs and symptoms of Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA).

RECOGNIZING SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST (SCA)

- **Definition:** Sudden cardiac arrest is a **life-threatening condition** where the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. This leads to loss of blood flow to the brain and vital organs. Without immediate CPR and defibrillation, death can occur within minutes. Call 911 and activate Cardiac Emergency Response Plan.

Signs and Symptoms of SCA

The signs of SCA can present themselves in many ways. These signs may happen suddenly without any signs or symptoms such as but not limited to:

Sign/Symptom	Description	Notes
Sudden collapse	The person falls to the ground without warning.	Often the first and most obvious sign; may occur during or after physical activity, or at rest.
Unresponsiveness	No response to shouting or tapping on the shoulders.	Check for responsiveness immediately upon collapse.
No normal breathing / only gasping	Breathing may be absent, irregular, or limited to agonal gasps (abnormal, gasping breaths).	agonal gasps are not normal breathing.
No pulse	No heartbeat detectable by trained responders.	Lay rescuers focus on “no breathing or only gasping” to trigger CPR; trained personnel also check pulse.
Seizure-like activity	Brief, involuntary movements may occur during the first seconds of arrest.	This can be mistaken for a seizure; check breathing and responsiveness.
Sudden collapse during exertion	Especially concerning in athletes or during physical activity.	NYSED sports-related SCA guidance emphasizes this scenario.
Pale or bluish skin	Skin may appear ashen, cool, or cyanotic (blue lips/fingertips).	Caused by lack of oxygenated blood circulation.

Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

- AEDs are found through out all the buildings, signs are required at all MAIN ENTRANCES that specify the location to the nearest AED to that entrance.
- Common locations in the buildings of the AED are as follows:
 - Outside of Main Office
 - Outside of Nurses Office
 - Inside the Pool area
- Each buildings location may differ and it is strongly advised that staff and students familiarize themselves with the AED's near their locations.

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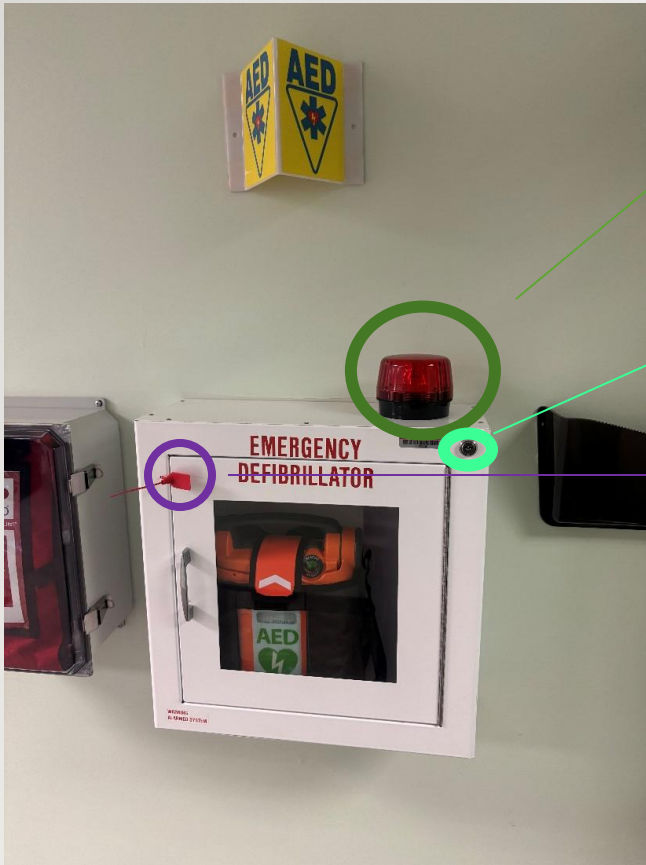
- Lewiston-Porter CSD uses Cardiac Science brand AEDs.
- The units are all setup the same way in every building.
 - Each unit will have Adult electrode pads loaded into the machine.
 - Pediatric electrodes are located in the pouch of the AED carrying case.
 - Each unit is supplied with and AED ready 1st aid kit consisting of;
 - CPR Mask
 - Razor
 - Scissors
 - Latex-free Gloves
 - Gauze Pads or Towels

Automatic External Defibrillators & storage cabinet

AED Cabinet alarm – is a local alarm only it does not call 911. It is activated once the door is open, it will deactivate once the door is closed. It exists ONLY to alert everyone that someone has opened the cabinet.

Key- is only used to turn on and off the alarm it does NOT lock or unlock the cabinet.

Plastic tamper seal – this is manually put on each time the cabinet is opened. Its purpose is to be a back up to the alarm in the event the battery fails.



LEWISTON-PORTER CSD AED LOCATIONS

SCHOOL	LOCATION
High School	#1 In the Hall near the Nurses Office
	#2 In the Hall in front of the Gym
	#3 2 nd Floor Hall near the Pool and Fitness room
Middle School	In the Hall In front of the Nurses office
Intermediate Education Center	In the Main Hall near the Gym
Primary Education Center	In the Main Hall near the Main Office
Community Resource Center	In the Hall by Room 33 (Multi-Purpose Room)