



Title: **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)**

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Purpose

The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community.

Maintaining automated external defibrillator (AED) units and staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the schools enables responders to deliver early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims.

Authority

Except in extenuating circumstances, each school shall have at least one (1) person certified in the use of CPR during regular school hours when school is in session and students are present. One (1) or more persons in each building that houses an AED, including the school nurse, will be trained and certified in the use of an AED. The AED maintenance will be the responsibility of the Workplace Safety Committee and under the supervision of a Certified School Nurse.[\[1\]](#)

AED units shall be used in accordance with approved district procedures and training specifications.

Guidelines

Responders' use of AED units shall not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers. Patient care shall be transferred to the EMS providers upon their arrival.

Consistent with Act 4 of 2001 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) will enable trained responders in the school setting to deliver early defibrillation to victims in the first critical moments after a sudden cardiac arrest.

The Board recognizes that the placement of AED's in the buildings of the Central Greene School District will enable trained responders to deliver early defibrillation to victims in the first critical moments after a sudden cardiac arrest.

The AED will be stored and maintained in an accessible location in the school. Only individuals with appropriate training are allowed to administer the AED. Students who inappropriately access and/or use an AED will be deemed to have violated the school's Student Rights and Responsibilities directives and will be disciplined.

It is the intent of this policy to be consistent with Pennsylvania Department of Education guidelines and the guidelines of AED certifying agencies.

An initial core team shall be trained in CPR and AED use. Additional basic and refresher training classes will be conducted to maintain an adequate number of trained personnel in CPR and AED procedures. The Workplace Safety Committee will notify personnel when recertification is due.

All staff in each building shall be informed of the AED location and function, and the names of trained personnel.

Pennsylvania Good Samaritan Act

Any individual who is certified to use an Automatic External Defibrillator, and who in good faith uses an AED in an emergency, shall not be liable for any civil damages as a result of any acts or omissions by such individual in using the AED, except any acts or omissions intentionally designed to harm or any grossly negligent acts or omissions which result in harm to the individual receiving the treatment.

Adopted: **September 17, 2013**

Last Revised: **December 10, 2013**

Legal References:

- [1. 24 P.S. 1424](#)
 - [24 P.S. 1423](#)
 - [42 Pa. C.S.A. 8331.2](#)
 - [42 Pa. C.S.A. 8332](#)
 - [42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337.1](#)
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