HAMPTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)/ CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

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822. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)/ CARDIOPOLMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

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 trained responders to deliver early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest.
Definition	**Automated external defibrillator (AED)** – a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.[1]
Authority	Each school building shall have one (1) person trained and certified in the use of an AED and CPR during the school day when school is in session and students are present.[2][3] Each school nurse or designee, coach of an athletic activity, marching band director, physical education teacher and athletic trainer in the district must participate in instruction in the use of an AED and CPR and maintain their certification.[2] The automated external defibrillator (AED) units are owned by the district and shall be properly maintained and tested, and located in secure and accessible locations. The district shall have an AED in a readily accessible location for students participating in interscholastic athletics and practices. Individuals trained in the use of an AED and CPR will be present during these times.[4][5] The automated external defibrillator (AED) units shall be used in accordance with approved district procedures.
Guidelines	A core team shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program offered by approved providers. Members of the team shall be provided opportunities for annual training and retraining.

	The district shall make instruction in the use of an AED available to all of its employees and volunteers at least once every two (2) years. The instruction is optional and shall be conducted by an approved provider that may be through the Internet or other electronic means.[2] Written guidelines for medical emergencies related to the use of automated external defibrillators (AED) units shall be provided to all employees instructed in the use of an AED. Responders' use of automated external defibrillator (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.
Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate written guidelines for use of automated external defibrillator (AED) units. The Superintendent or designee shall annually, by June 30, report to the Pennsylvania Department of Education detailing the number, condition, age, expiration date and placement of AEDs in each school building.[6] Legal citations: 1. 24 P.S. 1401 2. 24 P.S. 1423.1 3. 24 P.S. 1424 4. 24 P.S. 1423.3 5. Pol. 123 6. 24 P.S. 1423.2