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Purpose

The Board is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community. Maintaining automated external defibrillators (AED) in the schools enables trained responders to deliver early defibrillation 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

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.

Beginning June 1, 2029, 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 at these times. [4]

Beginning June 1, 2029, 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]

Beginning June 1, 2029, 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 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.

Beginning June 1, 2029, the District shall make instruction in the use of an AED available to all its employees and volunteers at least once every two (2) years. The

instruction will be 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 AED units shall be provided to ~~all members of the core team.~~all employees instructed in the use of an AED.

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.

Delegation of Responsibility

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate written guidelines for use of AED systems.

Beginning June 1, 2029, the Superintendent or designee shall annually, by June 30, report to the PA Department of Education detailing the number, condition, age, expiration date and placement of AEDs in each school building. [5]
~~AED units may be used by all members of a District building's core team who have successfully completed training and any trained volunteer who has a current course completion card.~~

Legal

1. 24 P.S. 1401
2. 24 P.S. 1423.1
3. 24 P.S. 1424
4. 24 P.S. 1423.3
5. 24 P.S. 1423.2

~~42 Pa. C.S.A. 8331.2~~
~~42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337.1~~
~~24 P.S. 1423~~