

**AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM**

The Governing Board recognizes that the key to survival following sudden cardiac arrest is the speed of response. In addition to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), most cardiac arrest victims need immediate electrical shock to restore the heart's normal rhythm.

To increase the chances of survival in the event of sudden cardiac arrest on campus by a student, employee, or member of the general public, the Board authorizes schools to deploy Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), subject to conditions set forth in this policy and related procedure.

The AED will enable district employees or the public who are trained in CPR/AED to deliver early defibrillation to cardiac victims in the first critical moments following an attack. Responders using these devices must still call for emergency medical services (by dialing 9-1-1). Upon arrival of emergency personnel, patient care should be transferred.

Recognizing that AEDs are FDA-regulated medical devices and their deployment and use is subject to the laws and regulations as cited above, the district's program shall contain the following elements as a minimum:

1. District-level coordination and approval of technical specifications, equipment, supplies, replacement of supplies, and training.
2. School site implementation of AED plans; equipment inspections, testing, and maintenance, incident reporting, and recordkeeping.
3. Medical approval, oversight, and consultation.
4. Integration with local emergency medical services and school/district emergency response plans.
5. Employee training in CPR and AED use.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures to ensure that the devices are installed, maintained, and used in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations and in accordance with manufacturer recommendations, and that a sufficient number of users are trained in AED use.