

5300 USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR(S)

The American Heart Association estimates many lives could be saved if defibrillators were more widely available. Due to technological advances, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) may be used by lay persons without any training to provide defibrillation within the first minutes of cardiac arrest thereby increasing the victim's chances of survival. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.a, the Board of Education shall ensure every school in the school district has an AED as defined in N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-24. The AED shall be made available in an unlocked location on school property with an appropriate identifying sign. The AED shall be accessible during the school day and any other time when a school-sponsored athletic event or team practice is taking place in which pupils of the school district are participating. The AED shall be within reasonable proximity of the school athletic field or gymnasium, as applicable.

A team coach, licensed athletic trainer, or other designated staff member if there is no coach or licensed athletic trainer, who is present during athletic events or team practices, shall be trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of the AED in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-25.a. The school district shall be deemed to be in compliance with N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-25.a, if a State-certified emergency services provider or other certified first responder is on site at the event or practice.

Each AED in the school district shall be tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines. Notification shall be provided to the appropriate first aid, ambulance, rescue squad, or other appropriate emergency medical services provider regarding the AED, the type acquired, and its location in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-25.b and c.

The school district and its employees shall be immune from civil liability in the acquisition and use of AEDs pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-27.

In accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.b, the Superintendent of Schools or designee shall establish and implement an Emergency Action Plan applicable to each school in the school district for responding to a sudden cardiac event including, but not limited to, an event in which the use of an AED may be necessary. The Emergency Action Plan shall be consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.a and, at a minimum, shall include a list of no less than five school employees, team coaches, or licensed athletic trainers who hold current certifications from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, or other training programs recognized by the Department of Health and Senior Services in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an AED. This list shall be updated, if necessary, at least once in



each semester of the school year. The Emergency Action Plan shall also include detailed procedures on responding to a sudden cardiac event including, but not limited to, the identification of the persons in the school who will be responsible for responding to the person experiencing the sudden cardiac event; calling 911; starting cardio-pulmonary resuscitation; retrieving and using the AED; and assisting emergency responders in getting to the individual experiencing the sudden cardiac event.

The Board of Education is committed to providing the highest quality of care to its pupils.

Consistent with this commitment, the Board will have available a defibrillator in a central location or school nurse's office in the following school(s):

Glen (1)	In hall to left of R.E.D. Program's main office
Hawes (1)	Outside Room 106
Orchard (1)	Outside nurse's office
Ridge (1)	1st grade hallway, next to library - adjacent to front hall
Somerville (2)	One at each end of first floor hall
Travell (1)	Hallway outside main office
Willard (1)	Near front entrance in main lobby
BF (2)	1. Outside main office 2. Outside cafeteria
GW (2)	1. 1st floor outside nurse's office 2. 1st floor outside faculty room (on opposite side of building)



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RHS (7)

1. Little Theatre
2. Library hallway (2nd floor)
3. 2nd floor by elevator
4. 3rd floor by elevator
5. Gym 1 hallway
- 6 & 7. Training Room

Ed Center (1)

2nd floor lobby adjacent to large conference room (near elevator)

The school nurse or athletic trainer will ensure that defibrillators are tested and maintained according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.

Defibrillators will be located in each building so that they are readily accessible.

The Supervisor of Wellness/Athletic Director will be responsible to arrange for training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator for staff members designated by the school nurse. The staff member training will be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-25. Successful completion and current certification from the American Red Cross, American Heart Association or other training programs recognized by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of a defibrillator is required.

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.a; 18A:40-41.b

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