

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

The Aberdeen School District Board of Directors recognizes that by equipping schools with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training employees in their use, the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency, including cardiac arrest, is increased. The Board authorizes the district to place AEDs at designated school sites. Schools and district facilities with an AED on site shall train selected staff in their use according to the guidelines provided by the Washington State Department of Health.

This policy does not create any implied or express guarantee, or obligation to use an AED, nor does it create an expectation that an AED or a trained employee will be present and able to use an AED, even if a condition arose that made the use of an AED beneficial.

A person who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the AED in an emergency setting, unless the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the placement, maintenance, and use of AEDs in schools.

Legal References:	RCW 4.24. 300	Immunity from liability for certain types of medical care
	RCW 70.54.310	Semiautomatic external defibrillator – Duty of Acquirer-Immunity from Civil Liability

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The purpose of this procedure is to assist employees who are trained and willing to use an AED in the event such use is necessary. These procedures do not create an obligation to use the AEDs, nor do they create an expectation that trained staff will be present at every event where use of the AED might be beneficial.

At every location where an AED is present, the district will select and train staff members in its use. If an event occurs requiring use of an AED, trained staff will:

- Dial 911 immediately;
- Follow Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) procedures; and
- Retrieve and use the AED as training dictates.

AED's, also known as semiautomatic external defibrillators, are automatic in that the device must detect specific vital signs in order to operate. They are semiautomatic in that they require a person to activate the device if the vital signs allow operation.

In the buildings where an AED is available, the following procedures apply:

A. Equipment Purchase

1. The Grays Harbor County Emergency Medical Services must be notified of the AED equipment purchase.
2. The purchased equipment must include AED pads that can be used on all ages and sizes of youths and adults.
3. Supplies (pads, batteries) necessary for operation and maintenance must be purchased for the specific AED, and must be replaced as expiration date indicates.
4. The equipment purchase must include a case with an alarm.

B. Equipment Placement

1. The principal of the building in conjunction with the local Fire Department shall determine where the AED will be placed.
2. The AED shall be placed in a central, highly visible and accessible location.
3. The cabinet containing the AED will be unlocked.
4. The principal of the building or designee shall notify the local emergency medical services organization about the existence and location of the defibrillator.

C. Equipment Maintenance

1. The building principal, school nurse and/or other designated staff shall have the responsibility of maintaining the equipment and all necessary supplies.

2. The equipment is to be maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.

D. Training

1. Training in the use of AEDs shall be included in First Aid/CPR training as delivered by the approved District provider of such services.
2. The principal of the building is responsible for selecting the staff to be trained in CPR/AED use.
3. The selection of trainees should have the goal to provide coverage, as much as possible, for all the various events that take place in the facility and the times that the facility is in use (e.g., basketball games, parent meetings, etc.).
4. The building principal or designee is responsible for maintaining records that document the training, and date of training, of persons in that building or department.
5. The building principal is responsible for establishing emergency response procedures which will be communicated to the entire staff (e.g., where the equipment is, how to access it, general procedures such as calling 911, etc.).
6. The defibrillator user shall call 911 as soon as possible after the emergency use of the defibrillator and shall assure that the appropriate follow-up data is made available as requested by the emergency medical service or other health care provider.
7. If used, the AED must be restored and made ready for future use as soon as possible.

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