

Lisbon School District

15 Newent Road
Lisbon, CT 06351

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Students

First Aid/Emergency

Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

The School District strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff, parents, and community as they learn and recreate in school facilities. In achieving a safe environment, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) shall be placed at each school within the District by July 1, 2010, if funding is available. The AED and trained personnel shall be available during the school's normal operational hours. Additionally school-sponsored athletic events, practices and other events will have trained personnel as funding allows. The automatic external defibrillators shall be used in emergency situations when sudden cardiac arrest occurs (or shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use.) Each school shall have two or more persons who will be trained and certified in the use of an AED.

The AED will be stored in an accessible location in each school and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored by the school nurse twice yearly and the Fire Department once yearly.

Students who inappropriately access and /or use an AED will be deemed to have violated the school's conduct code and subject to disciplinary action.

The Emergency Medical Service System is to be activated immediately upon discovery of a situation in which the use of an AED is anticipated, as required. Activation is via the 911 emergency telephone system. The activation of the Emergency Medical System must not be delayed due to the actual or anticipated use of an AED.

Each AED within the District will be registered with the Fire Department and with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. A report shall be forwarded to the local EMS provider for medical review each time an AED is activated.

The Principal may specify that an authorized user bring the AED to other areas of the school or its grounds for the purpose of standing by at a specific event or activity. A method of communication will be established for the purpose of notifying trained authorized users within each building of relocation of an AED from its usual place of storage.

The Superintendent of Schools will establish administrative guidelines that will outline the specific responsibilities, training, management and procedures for the use of the District's AEDs. Teachers and other school personnel, who have fulfilled the training requirements of this policy providing emergency first aid involving the use of an AED shall be immune from liability if they meet the statutory requirements for immunity, which include a course in first aid that includes CPR and training in the use of AEDs provided in accordance to the standards of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

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The Board recognized that in accordance with applicable legislation, it does not have to comply with these provisions if state, federal or private funding is not available for AED purchasing and/ or school personnel training.

The Board recognizes that it may, in lieu of purchasing an AED, accept an AED donation provided the donated AED meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and the device is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. The Board may also accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for an AED purchase and the cost of (1) inspecting and maintaining the device and (2) training staff in its use.

Emergency Action Response Plans

Not later than July 1, 2010 , each school shall develop an emergency action response plan addressing the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds.

- (cf.5141 Student Health Services)
- (cf.5121.1 Care of Accidents)
- (cf.5141.26 Emergency Situation with No Nurse in School)
- (cf.5141.3 Health Assessments and Immunizations)
- (cf.5142 Safety)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.
52-557b "Good Samaritan law). Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid, or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render (as amended by P.A. 09-59)
P.A. 09-59 An Act Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators.
Public Law 106-505 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act.
Public Law 105-170 Aviator Medical Assistance Act.
Public Law 107-188 The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response

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