

Business and Non-Instructional Operations

Automatic External Defibrillator

In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest on school property, the Regional School District #10 Board of Education has acquired external defibrillators for use in school buildings. An automatic external defibrillator (AED) is a device that: (A) is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart; (B) contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or special software that allows it to interpret physiological signals, make medical diagnosis, and, if necessary, apply therapy; (C) guides the user through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts; and (D) does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use.

It is the policy of the Region 10 Board of Education to support the use of these AEDs by school personnel trained in the operation of such devices and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Such trained personnel and the AEDs shall be accessible during the school’s normal operational hours, during school-sponsored athletic practices and athletic events taking place on school grounds and during school sponsored events not occurring during the normal operational hours of the school.

Emergency Action Response Plan

[By July 1, 2010] Each school shall develop an emergency action response plan that addresses 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. For each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program the emergency action response plan must also address the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while attending or participating in an athletic practice or event while on school grounds.

The District’s continued use of AEDs and training of personnel is subject to available federal, state or private funding.

The superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for developing administrative regulations in furtherance of this policy and consistent with relevant law.

LEGAL REFERENCES: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

19a-175 Definitions

52-557b Good samaritan law.

P.A. 09-94 “An Act Concerning the Availability of Automatic External Defibrillators in Schools.”

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