

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED'S)

The School Committee recognizes that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that warrant the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The School Committee has acquired these units for use by qualified personnel in the schools and for use at co-curricular events hosted by the School Department.

Unless otherwise provided by law, an AED may be used only by a person who:

- A. has successfully completed a course approved by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or the Maine Department of Public Safety; and
- B. has made a reasonable attempt to summon appropriate emergency services personnel when communication is possible.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing, in consultation with the school physician or other qualified expert, protocols for the use, storage, location, testing, and maintenance of the school unit's AEDs, and for identification of school personnel who should be trained in the use of an AED.

The authorization for acquisition, placement, and use of AEDs in the schools or at school activities is not to be construed as an assertion or guarantee that an AED or a person trained in its use will be available at any particular school site or school-sponsored event.

Legal Reference: 14 MRSA § 164
20-A MRSA § 4009
22 MRSA § 2150-C

Cross Reference: EBCA - Crisis Response Plan
JLCE - First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

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