

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) Policy *(part of medical emergency response plan MERP)*

The Board recognizes that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that warrant the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). CRCS may acquire one or more AED's for use by qualified personnel in its school and at school activities.

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

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

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is used to treat victims who experience sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). It is only to be applied to victims who are unconscious, not breathing normally and showing no signs of circulation, such as normal breathing, coughing and movement. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock. AED protocol will be followed.

The Executive Director shall be responsible for developing, in consultation with qualified experts, 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 M.R.S.A. section 164
20-A M.R.S.A. section 4009 (4)
22 M.R.S.A. section 2150-C

Cross Reference: Maine School Health Manual
EBCA – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
Suicide Prevention Protocols
EBCF– R - Emergency Response
Protocol www.Americanheart.org

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