

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AEDs)

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the use of automated external defibrillators in the district.

The board of trustees the district recognizes that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that justify the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The board may acquire one or more of these units for use by qualified personnel. The district does not guarantee that an AED will be available for all cardiac emergencies. As AEDs are acquired by the district, placement priority will be the responsibility of the superintendent. The board approves the use of AED units subject to the following conditions.

- All designated AED users will have current training in CPR and AED use. This training must conform to the American Heart Association, American Red Cross, American Safety and Health Institute or National Safety Council standards or training from a program that meets or exceeds the training standards of these organizations. Requirements for the frequency of any recurrent training will be specified by the district and/or training organization.
- The district will provide required training for specified employees. Employees who are certified and approved by the district may be designated as authorized AED users. A list of certified AED staff members will be maintained by the school district [see JLCEE-E(3)].
- The board authorizes and directs the superintendent to promulgate appropriate administrative rules to implement the use of AEDs in the district.

AED protocol/guidelines

The superintendent designates the lead school nurse to oversee all aspects of the monitoring and use of the AEDs in the district and its accessories. This includes all of the following.

- compliance with the safety warnings and operating procedures set forth in the AED manual
- maintenance of the AED and its accessories as described in the AED manual
- obtaining adequate training in the use of the AED and its accessories

Any person who renders emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using the AED must do the following.

- Activate the emergency medical services system or 911 as soon as possible.
- Advise EMS personnel of AED use upon their arrival.
- Report on the required form any clinical use of the AED to the lead school nurse within 48 hours of the incident [see JLCEE-E(2)].

Immune from civil liability

In accordance with Section 44-76-40 of the South Carolina Automated External Defibrillator Act, AED users acting in good faith and in accordance with their required training will be immune from civil liability for the application of the AED unless the individual is grossly negligent in its application. All certified users of the AED must verify with their signature that they have read and understand the AED program, policy and procedures. A form will be provided for such purpose [see JLCEE-E(1)].

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The district does not guarantee that an AED will be available for all cardiac emergencies or that a qualified, trained emergency responder will be available for all cardiac emergencies.

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Legal references:

- A. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976 as amended:
 - 1. Section 44-76-10, et. Seq., - South Carolina Automated External Defibrillator Act.