

Automatic External Defibrillators

In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency during the school’s normal operational hours, during school-sponsored intramural athletic practices and intramural athletic events taking place on school grounds, and during school-sponsored events not occurring during the normal operational hours of the school, the Bethany Board of Education maintains Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) and school personnel trained in the operation of such AEDs and the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It is the policy of the Bethany Board of Education to support the use of these automatic external defibrillators and trained school personnel during medically appropriate circumstances.

Requirements concerning the use and maintenance of AEDs are set forth in the accompanying Administrative Regulations as may be supplemented by or amended by the Administration from time to time.

For purposes of this policy and the accompanying regulations, an AED is a device that:

1. is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;
2. contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or special software that allows it to interpret physiologic signals, make medical diagnosis and, if necessary apply therapy;
3. guides the user through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts; and
4. does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-175
Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-197
Connecticut General Statutes § 52-557b
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-212d
Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Department of Public Health 19a-179-1 et seq.

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