

# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: Automated External Defibrillator  
(AED)/Cardiopulmonary  
Resuscitation (CPR)

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## 822 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)/CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR)

### **Purpose**

The School Reform Commission is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community. Maintaining automated external defibrillator (AED) units and staff trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the schools enables responders to deliver early defibrillation and resuscitation to victims.

### **Authority**

Except in extenuating circumstances, each school shall have three (3) people certified in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during regular school hours when school is in session and students are present. [\[1\]](#)

The automated external defibrillator (AED) units are owned by the district and shall be properly maintained and located in secure and accessible locations. AED units must be checked at the beginning of every school year for batteries and pads.

AED units shall be present at all athletic competitions, including those held at recreation centers.

The automated external defibrillator (AED) units shall be used in accordance with approved district procedures.

### **Guidelines**

Designated district employees shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program offered by approved providers. Those employees shall be provided opportunities for annual training and retraining.

Written guidelines for medical emergencies related to the use of automated external defibrillator (AED) units shall be provided to all designated employees.

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and disseminate administrative procedures that detail the use of automated external defibrillator (AED) units.

**Legal References:**

1. 24 P.S. 1424 - 1949 Act 14 Section 1424 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

**Related Information:**

24 P.S. 1423 - 1949 Act 14 Section 1423 Automatic External Defibrillators

42 Pa. C.S.A. 8331.2 - Good Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external defibrillator

42 Pa. C.S.A. 8332 - Emergency response provider and bystander good Samaritan civil immunity

42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337.1 - Civil immunity of school officers or employees relating to emergency care, first aid and rescue