

MEDWAY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED’S)

The Board recognizes that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that warrant the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The Medway School Department may acquire one or more AED’s for use in its schools and at school athletic events.

The Medway School Department will offer training to students on performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in accordance with such rules as may be adopted by the Maine Department of Education, and may require training for those school unit personnel who have been identified by the Superintendent, in consultation with the school physician, as needing such training to effectively carry out their job responsibilities.

[NOTE: Maine 2015 PL Ch. 140, “An Act to Require Public Schools To Offer Instruction Related to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the Use of an Automated External Defibrillator” directs that schools “shall offer training” to students on performing CPR and using an AED in accordance with rules adopted by the DOE. Such rules have not yet been adopted. The statute on AEDs and CPR in schools, 20-A MRSA § 6304, which this Act amends, still says “School personnel and members of the public may receive training on how to perform [CPR] and use of [AED] in order to acquire the skills and confidence to respond to emergencies.”

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing, in consultation with the school physician or other qualified expert and in accordance with the manufacturers’ instructions, 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.

Although the Board authorizes the acquisition of AEDs, it cannot and does not 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; 6304
22 MRSA § 2150-C

Cross Reference: EBCA – Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
JLCE - First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

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