

Fall River Joint Unified School District

Policy 5141

Health Care Emergencies

Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by designated personnel who have volunteered to receive training in the use of AEDs.

The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee or obligation to use the AED in the case of an emergency nor any expectation that an AED or trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency or any expectation that the AED will operate properly.

The Board and Superintendent shall work closely with medical professionals, the manufacturer of the device, local officials, nonprofit organizations, and the district's risk manager or insurance specialist to ensure that necessary precautions are taken, such as staff training, equipment maintenance and storage, placement of the devices, and record-keeping. Local chapters of the American Red Cross and American Heart Association may help provide training and facilitate the purchase of AEDs.

Health and Safety Code 1797.196 protects entities and individuals from civil liability resulting from the use of an AED in an emergency as long as certain conditions specified in the law are satisfied. When an AED is placed in a school building, Health and Safety Code 1797.196, as amended by AB 254 (Ch. 111, Statutes of 2005), requires that the principal provide specific notifications to staff.

The principal shall designate the trained employees who shall be available to respond to an emergency that may involve the use of an AED during the hours of classroom instruction or when a school-sponsored activity is occurring on school grounds

As per Health and Safety Code 1797.196, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that:

1. School employees annually receive a brochure, with contents and style approved by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross, that describes the proper use of an AED
2. The American Heart Association or American Red Cross brochure or similar information is posted next to every AED
3. School employees are annually notified of the location of all AED units on school grounds
4. Placement, security, and maintenance of the AED are specified.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

32040-32044 First aid equipment

49300-49307 School safety patrols

49407 Liability for treatment

49408 Emergency information

49409 Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity

49470 Medical and hospital services for athletic program

49471 Medical and hospital services not provided or available

49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils

49474 Ambulance services

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

CIVIL CODE

1714.21 Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability

FAMILY CODE

6550-6552 Caregivers

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1797.196 Automatic external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

American Heart Association: <http://www.americanheart.org>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org>

California Department of Health Services: <http://www.dhs.ca.gov>

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