

CROMWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

STUDENTS
First Aid/Emergency Medical Care

Adopted: 9/28/04

Revised:

Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

The Cromwell School District strives to provide a safe environment for students, staff, parents and community as they learn and recreate in school facilities. In achieving a safe environment, automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) may be placed in school facilities. The automatic external defibrillators shall be used in emergency situations warranting its use by individuals specifically trained in the application of the device. Such training shall be in accordance with the standards set forth by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. Only individuals who have completed the required initial training and recurrent training as specified by state law and regulations and as advised by the District's Medical Advisor will administer the device.

The AED will be stored in an accessible location in the assigned schools. The defibrillators shall be maintained and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer and monitored by the school nurse or designee as approved by the principal.

Students who inappropriately access and/or use an AED will be deemed to have violated the school's conduct code and will be subject to disciplinary action.

The Emergency Medical Service System is to be activated immediately upon discovery of the situation in which the use of an AED is anticipated, as required. Activation will be via the 9-1-1 emergency telephone system. The activation of the Emergency Medical Service System must not be delayed due to the actual or anticipated use of an AED.

Each AED within the District shall be registered with the Town's Emergency Medical Service provider and with the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services. A report shall be forwarded to the local EMS provider for medical review (and the District's Medical Advisor) each time an AED is activated.

The Medical Advisor, Principal or Superintendent may specify that an authorized user may bring an AED to other areas of a school or its grounds for the purpose of standing by at special events or activities. A communication mechanism will be established for the purpose of notifying trained authorized users within each building of the relocation of an AED from its usual place of storage.

A regulation will delineate the procedures to be followed when using an AED. The procedure constitutes a physician's order and is to be written by the District's Medical Advisor.

The Superintendent is directed to promulgate such procedures/regulations as are necessary to provide for the installation and maintenance of such defibrillators and for the training of district personnel whose duties include operation of such devices.

Teachers and other school personnel, who have fulfilled the training requirements of this policy, providing emergency first aid involving the use of an AED, shall be immune from liability if they meet the statutory requirements for immunity, which include a course in first aid that includes CPR and training in the use of AEDs provided in accordance with the standards of the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association.

(cf. 5141 – Student Health Services)
(cf. 5141.1 Care of Accidents)
(cf. 5141.26 – Emergency Situation with No Nurse in School)
(cf. 5141.3 – Health Assessments and Immunizations)
(cf. 5141 – Safety)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of Education to prescribe rules.

52-557b “Good Samaritan law.” Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render.

Public Law 106-505 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act

Public Law 105-170 Aviator Medical Assistance Act

Public Law 107-188 The Public Health Security and Bio-terrorism Response Act