

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). MSAD 55 has acquired AED’s for use in its schools and at school athletic events.

MSAD 55 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 MSAD 55 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.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing, in consultation with the school physician or other qualified expert and in accordance with the manufacturer’s’ instructions, protocols for the use, storage, location, testing, and maintenance of MSAD 55’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.

The AED law, 22 M.R.S.A. § 2150-C, as amended, provides immunity from civil liability for damages relating to the use, possession or purchase of an AED and arising out of acts or omissions relating to preparing for and responding to suspected sudden cardiac arrest emergencies absent gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct for any person or entity acquiring, maintaining, using, prescribing, or providing instruction in the use of an AED. In school law, 20-A MRSA § 4009 provides immunity for non-licensed school personnel who render first aid, emergency treatment or rescue assistance to a student during a school program.

Legal Reference: 14 MRSA § 164
20-A MRSA § 4009; 6304
22 M.R.S.A. § 2150-C

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

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