

Book	Policy Manual
Section	800 Operations
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Purpose

The Joint Operating Committee 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 school enables** trained responders to deliver early defibrillation **and resuscitation** to victims **of** sudden cardiac arrest.

Authority

The Joint Operating Committee requires, except in extenuating circumstances, each school to have one (1) person certified in **the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) during regular school hours when the school is in session and students are present.**[\[1\]](#)

The **automated external defibrillator** (AED) units owned by **the** school **shall** be **properly maintained and located** in a secure and accessible location.

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

Guidelines

A Core Team shall be trained in CPR and AED procedures by completing a training program **offered by approved providers. Members of the team 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 members **of the core team**.

Responders' use of **an automated external defibrillator** (AED) **unit shall** not replace the care provided by emergency medical services (EMS) providers, but it is meant to provide a lifesaving bridge during the first few critical minutes it takes for ambulance personnel to arrive. Patient care **shall** be transferred to **the** EMS providers upon their arrival.

Delegation of Responsibility

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

The **automated external defibrillator** (AED) **units** may **be used by** all members of the school's **core team** who have successfully completed training **and** any trained volunteer who has **a** current course completion card.

Legal	1. 24 P.S. 1424
	24 P.S. 1423
	42 Pa. C.S.A. 8331.2
	42 Pa. C.S.A. 8332
	42 Pa. C.S.A. 8337.1
	Pol. 122.2