

**Policy EBBCA**

**Use and Location of Automated External Defibrillators**

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The Board has acquired/purchased an Automatic External Defibrillator(s) (AED) for use in emergency situations warranting its use. The Superintendent is encouraged to seek funding for additional AEDs from the State's AED Fund established under RSA 200:40-d. See also Board policy JLCJA.

The use/administration/maintenance of the AED is subject to the following conditions:

**A. Location of the AED (s).**

The Superintendent, working with the building principal and school nurse, shall select and approve the location(s) for the AED(s). At least one AED shall be readily accessible in a well-marked and safe place for use in responding to cardiac emergencies, and shall not be located in an office or be stored in a location that is not easily and quickly accessible. The AED location(s) shall be in accordance with guidelines set by the American Heart Association or other nationally recognized guidelines focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

Additionally, for schools which include any of grades 6-12, at least one AED shall be located at and readily accessible for use in responding to cardiac emergencies at each athletic event or venue where practices and competitions are held for use and in which students of the school are participating.

**B. Training and Use of AED.**

AEDs should, when possible, be administered by those employees designated as "anticipated responders" by the Principal, in consultation with the school nurse. Schools that include any of grades 6-12 shall have an individual trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation supervise organized school-sponsored sports activities in which pupils of the school are participating. In the absence of such trained personnel, other persons may administer the AED provided they do so in good faith.

Anticipated responders are those who have successfully received and completed appropriate training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and AED use, provided by the School Nurse or his/her designee, or from the American Heart Association or other nationally recognized organization or association focused on emergency cardiovascular care.

**C. Liability Limited.**

The District, and persons administering the AED(s) in good faith and without compensation, renders emergency care by the use of an automated external defibrillator shall not be liable for civil damages for any acts or omissions unless the acts or omissions were grossly negligent or willful and wanton.

**D. Maintenance.**

AEDs will be maintained by the School Nurse, or his/her designee. Maintenance shall be done according to the AED manufacturer's specifications. The School Nurse will maintain a record of all maintenance which has been performed on the AED(s).

**E. Registration of AED(s).**

In accordance with RSA 153-A:33, the School Nurse, or his/her designee, shall register the AED(s) with the New Hampshire Department of Safety within 30 days of acquisition of the AED. Information regarding registration may be found at NH Dept. of Safety - AED Registration ([link tested 2025.11.11](#)).

**F. Incident Reporting.** Each instance of administration of an AED shall be reported pursuant to Board policy EBBB.

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**NH Statutes**

RSA 153-A:28-33

RSA 200:40

RSA 200:40-c

RSA 200:40-d