

Series 5000 – Students

1. Elementary and Secondary

D. Welfare

(1) School Medical Advisor

(e) First Aid/Emergency Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest on school property, the Suffield Board of Education has acquired external defibrillators for use in certain school buildings. It is the policy of the Suffield Board of Education to support the use of these automatic external defibrillators during medically appropriate circumstances on school property.

Requirements concerning the use and maintenance of AEDs are set forth in the accompanying Administrative Regulations as may be supplemented by or amended by the Administration from time to time.

For the purposes of this policy and accompanying regulations, an AED is a device that:

1. is used to administer an electric shock through the chest wall to the heart;
2. contains internal decision-making electronics, microcomputers or special software that allows it to interpret physiological signals, make medical diagnosis and, if necessary, apply therapy;
3. guides the user through the process of using the device by audible or visual prompts; and
4. does not require the user to employ any discretion or judgment in its use.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
19a-175 Definitions
19a-197 Automatic external defibrillators. Registry established.
Regulations. Simultaneous communication with physician not required.
55-557b Good Samaritan Law (as amended by Public Act 09-59)
10-212d Availability of Automatic External Defibrillators in
Schools

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