

Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

The board recognizes the importance of providing safety equipment and properly trained individuals to treat persons who experience sudden cardiac arrest.

The school nurses and designated local physicians shall oversee the purchase of AED equipment and shall review and approve guidelines for emergency use.

The AED may be used by any individual who is currently CPR/AED certified according to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross standards.

LOCATION:

AED units will be provided by the district and housed in secure and accessible locations at the various district facilities as determined by the superintendent and/or his/her designee. If the AED is moved from its designated position, there will be a visible sign left in the place of the AED which indicates its current location. Contracted and other community activities are not guaranteed access to the AED as part of the standard rental contracts unless specified otherwise.

CERTIFICATION/MAINTENANCE:

The district will encourage, but not mandate, all staff members (coaches included) to obtain and maintain certification in CPR/AED. Each building which houses an AED will have an established, trained response team. An in-service training video will be kept in the nurse's office and in the curriculum office for trained responders to review at any time to provide reinforcement of skills. The district nursing staff will maintain records of staff certification. A designated full-time person in each building will be responsible to maintain equipment in that building.

RESOURCES used to maintain state/national standards:

- SD AED Legislation
- American Red Cross and/or American Heart Association guidelines and training programs
- Trainer immunity and Civil immunity for emergency use of AED
- Infection control procedures for exposure to blood borne pathogens
- Physician oversight of program