

## Procedure - Automated External Defibrillators

Edmonds School District recognizes the importance of having AED's at school sites as well as trained and willing staff and students who may use these defibrillators in the event of cardiac arrest or sudden death.

Sudden death or cardiac arrest occurs when the electrical impulses to the heart malfunction causing the victim's heart to stop beating and the loss of pulmonary function. The most effective treatment for this condition is the administration of electrical current through the use CPR and/or an AED.

### Placement and Maintenance

Equipment and placement of an AED must be approved by the District's Safety Officer and shall conform to District, County, Health Department and/or State standards and shall be of the same type used throughout the District in order to provide consistency in training and operation. AED's should be placed or mounted in a central, highly visible, and accessible location with recommended signage. Periodic check, maintenance and testing will be performed per the manufacturers recommended schedule and following their procedures. These checks will be conducted by school nurses who will utilize the assigned AED application.

Each school has been provided an AED plan which should be completed for each school, kept readily accessible electronically or physically in the front office, and reviewed annually with staff.

### Training

The District will provide First Aid/CPR and AED training to those employees who are required to have such training and to those employees who may wish to receive the training. Trained staff should forward a copy of their training certificate to human resources and it shall be kept in the employee's personnel file.

Beginning in the 2013/2014 school year, high school students are required to receive this training as a condition of graduation as outlined in RCW 28A.230.179 "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction". Specific training shall be consistent with RCW, OSPI and State Health Department requirements and objectives.

Employees and students who may use a defibrillator in the application of CPR shall have successfully completed an AED course of instruction and who feel confident using the device.

Upon finding a cardiac or sudden death victim, 911 shall be notified immediately. Follow CPR procedures. Retrieve and use the AED as training dictates. If possible, the District's 24-hour emergency number, 425 431 6898 should also be called, but should not cause delay to the administration of treatment. This call may be made post event. The person finding the victim is not expected to place their own safety in jeopardy and needs to make sure the area around the victim is safe before making a rescue attempt. Upon arrival of

first responders, the person administering assistance release responsibility for the care of the victim as directed.

### **Indemnity**

Operators of an AED are covered under Good Samaritan laws, including, but not limited to:

RCW 4.24.300, Immunity for Certain Types of Medical Care;  
RCW 28A 230.17, CPR Instruction;  
RCW 70.54.310, AED-Duty of Acquirer- Immunity from Civil Liability.

Such immunity does not extend to acts or omissions amounting to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Outside of school hours, AEDs may be carried by trained staff in order to support athletic or academic activities. If an AED is removed from its normal stationary cabinet, a sign must be left in its place that clearly indicates who has the AED, its exact temporary location and an estimated time of return.

Contracted or other community activities are not guaranteed access to the AED or AED trained staff as a part of any standard use or rental contract.

### **Post event**

The school, employee or student shall turn off the AED, unless still needed, and call the District's emergency contact number at 425 431 6898. The duty officer shall contact the safety officer so that the AED may be recovered and data downloaded.

### **Critical Event Stress Debriefing**

It is recommended that the person finding and/or administering aid be debriefed and, if needed seek counseling. These services are provided free of charge through the District's Employee Assistance Program, Far West Family Services. Services can be accessed by calling at 206/682-8149.

For further information, please contact the District Safety Officer at (425) 431-7032.

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