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Use of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs)

In order to assist individuals who may experience cardiac arrest on school property, the Vernon Board of Education has acquired external defibrillators for use in each school building. The AED and trained personnel shall be available during the school's normal operational hours and during school-sponsored athletic events and practices on school grounds. It is the policy of the Board of Education to support the use of these automatic external defibrillators by trained personnel on school property. Each school shall have school staff trained in the use of AEDs and in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The Board recognizes that in accordance with applicable legislation, it does not have to comply with these provisions if state, federal, or private funding is not available to it for AED purchasing and for school personnel training.

The Board recognizes that it may, in lieu of purchasing an AED, accept an AED donation provided the donated AED meets the U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and the device is in compliance with the manufacturer's maintenance schedule. The Board may also accept gifts, grants, and donations, including in-kind donations, designated for an AED purchase and the costs of (1) inspecting and maintaining the device and (2) training staff in its use.

Emergency Action Response Plans

Not later than July 1, 2010, each school shall develop an emergency action response plan addressing the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. Also by July 1, 2010, each school with an athletic department or organized athletic program shall develop an emergency action response plan addressing appropriate school personnel response to the same circumstances while attending or participating in an athletic event or practice on school grounds.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall be responsible for developing administrative regulations in furtherance of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) policy, in conformity with the provisions of applicable statutes and regulations.

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Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules.

52-557b "Good Samaritan law." Immunity from liability for emergency medical assistance, first aid or medication by injection. School personnel not required to administer or render (as amended by P.A. 09-59)

P.A. 09-59 An Act Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators

P.A. 09-94 An Act Concerning the Availability of Automatic External Defibrillators in Schools

Public Law 106-505 Cardiac Arrest Survival Act

Public Law 105-170 Aviator Medical Assistance Act

Public Law 107-188 The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Response Act

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