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8452 - **USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)**

The School Board has determined that the Florida statutes authorize the placement of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in school buildings owned or leased by the District for the purpose of saving the life of a person in cardiac arrest. The location of each AED shall be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director.

An AED is a medical device that contains a heart monitor and defibrillator that is used to administer an electric shock through a person's chest wall to the heart. The built-in computer system of the AED assesses the patient's heart rhythm, determines whether defibrillation is needed, and then administers a shock, if necessary. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process of using the AED.

All employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use an AED will be required to complete appropriate training, including completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or a basic first aid course that includes CPR and demonstrated proficiency in the use of an AED. **All employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use an AED shall be notified annually of the location of each AED on school grounds, which shall be available in a clearly marked and publicized location for each athletic activity.**

In accordance with State law, any trained employee who uses or attempts to use an AED device on a victim of a perceived medical emergency is immune from civil liability.

If an AED device is placed in a building, the Superintendent shall develop procedures that govern AEDs, including, but not limited to, the use of the AED, placement of the AED, training, and maintenance and testing of the devices. In promulgating these procedures the Superintendent shall follow the procedures and recommendations developed pursuant to State law by the Secretary of the Department of Health.

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