

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Purpose

The Valley School District Board of Directors recognizes that by equipping schools with an AED the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency is increased.

Scope

This policy applies to the Superintendent, principals, administrators and all Valley School employees.

Policy

1. The Valley School District Board of Directors recognizes that by equipping schools with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training employees and students in their use, the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency, including cardiac arrest, is increased. The Board authorizes the district to place AEDs at designated school sites and train selected staff in their use according to the guidelines provided by the Washington State Department of Health. Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to include appropriate use of an AED, will be included in at least one health class necessary for graduation.
2. This policy does not create any implied or express guarantee, or obligation to use an AED, nor does it create an expectation that an AED or a trained employee or student will be present and able to use an AED, even if a condition arose that made the use of an AED beneficial.
3. A person who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the AED in an emergency setting, unless the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.
4. The Superintendent will develop procedures for the placement, maintenance, and use of AEDs in schools.

Related Procedures

3412P1-Automated External Defibrillators

3412P2-Emergency Action Plan for Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Policy Cross References

2410-High School Graduation Requirements

Policy Legal References

RCW 4.24.300 – Immunity from liability for certain types of medical care

RCW 28A.230 – Compulsory Course Work and Activities

RCW 70.54.310 – Semiautomatic external defibrillator – Duty of Acquirer – Immunity from Civil Liability

Management Resources

Policy and Legal News, September 2013 – One health class required for graduation must now include instruction in CPR and AED

Policy News, April 2011 – Legal Aspects of Defibrillator Use Defined

Policy History

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