

SUBJECT: CARDIAC AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's) IN PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES

The School District shall provide and maintain on-site in each *instructional school facility* functional automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment as defined in Public Health Law Section 3000-b for use during emergencies. Each such facility shall have sufficient automated external defibrillator equipment available for ready and appropriate access and use during emergencies in quantities and types as deemed by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health. Determination of the quantity and placement of AED's must be made with consideration of at least the factors enumerated in the Commissioner's Regulations. *An instructional school facility means a building or other facility maintained by the School District where instruction is provided to students pursuant to its curriculum.*

Whenever Union Springs Central School District is used for a school-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular event or activity and whenever a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location, the public school officials and administrators responsible for such school facility or athletic contest shall have AED equipment on-site along with at least one staff person who is trained in accordance with Public Health Law in the operation and use of an AED. *School-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities means events or activities of the School District that are, respectively, associated with its instructional curriculum or otherwise offered to its students. A school-sponsored athletic contest means an extraclass intramural athletic activity of instruction, practice and competition for students in grades 4-12 consistent with Commissioner's Regulations Section 135.4.*

Where a school sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a School District facility, School District officials shall assure that AED equipment is provided on-site by the sponsoring or host district and that at least one staff person who is trained, in accordance with Public Health Law, in the operation and use of the AED is present during such athletic event. A school sponsored competitive athletic event means an extraclass interscholastic athletic activity of instruction, practice and competition for students in grades 7-12 consistent with Commissioner's Regulations Section 135.4

School District facilities and District staff responsible for carrying out the duties enumerated in Education Law Section 917 are deemed a "public access defibrillation provider" as defined pursuant to Public Health Law Section 3000-b and subject to the Public Health Law requirements and limitations.

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Therefore, it is the policy of the Union Springs Central School District to provide proper training requirements for District AED users, to require the immediate calling of 911 and/or the community equivalent ambulance dispatch entity whenever the AED is used and to require ready identification of the location of the AED units as enumerated in the District's Public Access Defibrillation Collaborative Agreement.

The District will provide for regular maintenance and checkout procedures of the AED units which meet or exceed manufacturer's recommendations. Appropriate documentation will be maintained in accordance with law and/or regulation. Further, the District will participate in the required Quality Improvement Program as determined by the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council.

Pursuant to Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b, the School District (as a public access defibrillation provider), or any employee or other agent of the School District who, in accordance with the provisions of law, voluntarily and without expectation of monetary compensation renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using an AED to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injury or death unless caused by gross negligence.

Education Law Section 917
Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b
8 New York Code of Rules & Regulations
(NYCRR) Section 135.4

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