

USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Londonderry School District is equipped with Automated External Defibrillators (AED) for use in emergency situations warranting its use. An AED is a medical device which combines a heart monitor and defibrillator which is used for the purpose of saving lives of people in cardiac arrest. The New Hampshire legislature strongly encourages dissemination of educational information regarding AEDs and encourages that access to these lifesaving devices is made widely available to schools, local fire departments, etc throughout the state.(RSA 153-A:28,29)

The use/administration/maintenance of the AED by employees within the Londonderry School District is subject to the following conditions:

Location of the AED: The location of the AED within each building will be determined by the Superintendent.

Authorized Employees: Those employees who are expected to use AEDs will be required to receive and complete training in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and AED use on a regular basis to maintain certification. Appropriate training is training provided through an approved agency such as the American Red Cross and American Heart Association. Those employees that are certified are responsible for renewing their certification. (RSA 153-A: 30) *It is important to note that AEDs can be utilized by any individuals to save the life of a cardiac arrest victim.*

Maintenance: AEDs will be maintained by the School Nurse or his/her designee. Maintenance shall be done according to the AED manufacturer's specifications. The School Nurse shall maintain a record of all maintenance which has been performed on the AEDs. This shall include a readiness check on a monthly basis as well as maintenance after an incident of use of the AED. Maintenance after use shall include returning the AED to a state of readiness. Londonderry School District will procure maintenance on devices in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Necessary upgrades of AED programming to comply with American Heart Association Guidelines will be done in coordination with the Londonderry Fire Department.

Registration of AEDs: In accordance with the RSA 153-A: 32, 33, the AEDs are registered with the New Hampshire Department of Safety. Any and all new equipment will be registered in accordance with RSA 153-A:32,33.

Incident Reporting: The designated staff in the building at the time of an incident shall complete an *Incident Report Form* and report all instances of AED use to the Building Principal, who shall then notify the School Nurse, Director of Pupil Services, and the Superintendent as recommended by the New Hampshire Department of Safety Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. It is the expressed expectation of the Londonderry School District that any individual or organization authorized to use the district facilities will complete and/or assist in the completion of the AED *Incident Report Form* if device is used. Incident reports will be housed in the office of the Director of Pupil Services.

Liability Limited: The district and persons administering the AEDs shall enjoy the limitations of liability as specified in RSA 153-A:31 as well as other sources of law.

All employees of the district are expected to comply with the administration of this policy. Any violation shall constitute ground for disciplinary action.

Statutory Reference: RSA 153-A: 28-33 Automated External Defibrillation and New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

LONDONDERRY SCHOOL BOARD

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