

## AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Board of School Directors of MSAD 68 recognize that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that justify the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). MSAD 68 has received an AED for placement in each school building.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is used to treat persons who experience sudden cardiac arrest. It is only to be applied to persons who are unconscious and showing no signs of circulation, such as normal breathing, coughing and movement. The AED will analyze the heart rhythm and advise the operator if a shockable rhythm is detected. If a shockable rhythm is detected, the AED will charge to the appropriate energy level and advise the operator to deliver a shock.

A person may not use an AED on another person unless the person using the AED:

- A. Has successfully completed an approved CPR/AED training program; and
- B. Has made a reasonable attempt to summon appropriate emergency services personnel when communication is possible.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall:

- A. develop an AED training program for school personnel.
- B. consult with the school physician for technical assistance in the selection and storage locations of the AED's and the training of potential operators.
- C. notify the local Emergency Medical Service of the existence, location and type of AED's on school premises.
- D. maintain and test the AED's in accordance with the applicable standards of the manufacturer.

If trained personnel are unavailable, an untrained person may use the AED to save a person's life. This person would be covered under Title XIV, Section 164 (Good Samaritan Law).

Legal References:           20-A M.R.S.A. § 4009  
                                  22 M.R.S.A. § 2150-C

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