

Policy 5063

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

- A. Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition that occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing a disturbance in the heart's rhythm called ventricular fibrillation. This erratic and ineffective heart rhythm causes cessation of the normal function of the heart. The most effective treatment for this condition is an electrical current to the heart by a defibrillator.
- B. The Box Elder School District School Nurse(s) administer the AED policy in accordance with guidance from the Supervising Medical Director.
- C. The role of CPR/AED trained staff rescuer is as follows:
 - 1. Recognize an emergency exists.
 - 2. Activate 911.
 - 3. Establish basic life support as a victim's condition warrants including first aid, CPR and ~~or~~ AED ~~according to the level of certification~~.
- D. The AED equipment will be used on any person who displays all the symptoms of cardiac arrest ~~including when the victim:.. The AED will be used only after the following symptoms are confirmed.~~
 - 1. ~~Victim~~ is unconscious/unresponsive
 - 2. ~~Victim~~ is not breathing.
 - 3. Is not breathing normally, and
 - 4. ~~Victim~~ has no signs of circulation such as pulse ~~and coughing or movement~~.
- E. AEDs are intended for use by the general public (or lay responders). They are portable, safe, accurate, and easy to use. Employees ~~traininged~~ for ~~to use the~~ AED use must be available at least ~~trained~~ every two (2) years. ~~Further~~ training may be obtained through District sponsored digital training, ~~or~~ local hospital and fire department classes, or as arranged by BESD ~~Health Services nursing~~.

- F. Each time an AED is used an incident report must be filed. The Box Elder School District School **Health Services Department Nurse** must be contacted and the documentation procedure followed.
- G. Each AED will be assessed annually by the Box Elder School District School **Health Services Department Nurse** or by a designated **representative of the department, qualified staff member**.
- H. At the beginning of each school year, building principals will notify staff of location(s) of AEDs in the building.