

**DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES
GOVERNING SCHOOL-BASED AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)
DEVICES AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR) PROGRAMS IN
ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

Commenter Name: Rhonda McDonald, Center for Local Public Health, Arkansas Department of Health, Camden (January 20, 2022)

Comment: I would like to make a comment about the AEDs. I think it is important to state that an AED shall never be locked up or stored in locked office. I have been a CPR Instruction since 2008. I have found that many schools will lock up their AED or have it locked in an office that is not available in a n emergency. I have also found on several occasions that the AED pads are expired. Some administrations do not find that this is important to keep the pads up to date.

Division Response: **Comments considered.** Rules amended to clarify that AEDs may not be located or stored in a locked office or room, and that a component of the required AED equipment maintenance is ensuring that pads and batteries have not expired. **Non-substantive changes made.**