

CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN — AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

Installation of Automated External Defibrillators in Schools

Each school in the District shall install at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) as defined in the Emergency Medication in Schools Act. All installed AEDs shall be maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines. High schools shall install at least one AED no later than the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Each elementary school and middle school shall install at least one (1) AED no later than the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

Each school shall develop and implement a cardiac emergency response plan that addresses the appropriate use of school personnel who are to respond to incidents involving a person experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. Each cardiac emergency response plan shall:

- Be developed and implemented using core elements that are nationally recognized and evidence-based;
- Identify specific school personnel who will take action when a person experiences a sudden cardiac arrest or similar life-threatening injury;
- Establish protocols for school personnel identified by the cardiac emergency response plan to follow when a person experiences a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency;
- Determine an appropriate location for an automated external defibrillator to be installed;
- Provide for routine maintenance of the automated external defibrillator; and
- Be updated when necessary to be consistent with evidence-based guidelines.

High schools shall comply with the requirements of this section by no later than the start of the 2026-2027 school year. Elementary and middle schools shall comply with the requirements of this section by no later than the start of the 2027-2028 school year.

All employees tasked, in a school's cardiac emergency response plan, with responding to incidents involving a sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds shall receive training on the use of AEDs in a manner consistent with the

Note: This material is written by NMSBA for informational purposes only, and not as legal advice. You may wish to consult with your attorney for further explanation and advice as to the content of this advisory.

standards adopted by the American Heart Association and rules adopted by the Public Education Department.

Athletic Coaches

All licensed coaches employed by the District shall have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation including training regarding the use of AED's.

Adopted: date of manual adoption

LEGAL REF.: 22-33-1 NMSA *et seq.* (Emergency Medication in Schools Act)
 (TBD section NMAC)
 22-13-31.2 (Certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for
 coaches)

CROSS REF.: EBC-RC - Emergencies (First Aid)

Note: This material is written by NMSBA for informational purposes only, and not as legal advice. You may wish to consult with your attorney for further explanation and advice as to the content of this advisory.