

Riverside Academy

AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR POLICY

The Board of Directors (the "Board") hereby directs the School's operator to place an "automated external defibrillator," or "AED," in the School building(s). An AED means a specialized defibrillator that is approved for use as a medical device by the United States Food and Drug Administration for performing automated external defibrillation. "Automated external defibrillation" means the process of applying a specialized defibrillator to a person in cardiac arrest, allowing the defibrillator to interpret the cardiac rhythm, and, if appropriate, delivering an electrical shock to the heart to allow it to resume effective electrical activity. The Board hereby adopts the emergency action plan developed by the Ohio Department of Health for the use of AEDs.

The operator shall require training in the use of an AED to all School teachers, principals, administrative employees, coaches, athletic trainers, any other person that supervises interscholastic athletics, and any other employee subject to the Board's In-Service Training Policy. The operator shall incorporate the training required under this Policy into the trainings provided under the Board's In-Service Training Policy. Such training shall include the psychomotor skills necessary to perform the cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use an AED, and shall be either:

- An instructional program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross that includes instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED; or
- An instructional program that is nationally recognized and based on the most current national, evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an AED.

Each employee to whom this training requirement applies shall complete the required training at least once every five years.

Additionally, the Board directs the operator to:

- Maintain records of when each employee successfully completed the required training;
- Maintain and test the AED in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines and report any malfunctions to the Board; and
- Notify the emergency medical service organizations of the location of the AED in the School building(s).

Except in the case of willful or wanton misconduct or when there is no good faith attempt to activate or have another person activate an emergency medical services system as soon as possible, no person shall be held liable in civil damages for injury, death, or loss to person or property, or held criminally liable, for performing automated external defibrillation in good faith, regardless of whether the person has obtained appropriate training on how to perform automated external defibrillation or successfully completed a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.