

Section C:

**General
School
Administration**

Knox County Board of Education Policy

Descriptor Term:

**Automated External
Defibrillator**

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2 An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of
3 ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia and is capable of determining without intervention
4 by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed. The AED automatically charges and requests
5 delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

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7 AED Placement in Schools:

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- 9 • All public schools must have at least one (1) AED device placed within the school.
 - 10 • Each placement of an AED shall be supervised and endorsed by a physician with an unrestricted
11 license to practice medicine or osteopathy in Tennessee.
 - 12 • An AED shall not be placed in an office that is not accessible to any person or in any locked
13 location during school hours or school events.
 - 14 • All AEDs shall be registered with emergency medical service providers.
 - 15 • Misuse or abuse of any AED device on school property by a student is disorderly conduct and the
16 student shall be subject to disciplinary action.
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22 AED Program for Use in Schools:

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- 24 • Each school shall have an AED action plan, written plan and post-incident report.
 - 25 • A list of individuals authorized to use the AED shall be posted (response team).
 - 26 • AEDs shall be maintained, tested and operated according to the manufacturer's guidelines and
27 records of testing performed must be kept.
 - 28 • Each school shall perform yearly AED drills and view an AED awareness video.
 - 29 • Each time an AED is used for an individual in cardiac arrest, an emergency medical service shall
30 be summoned to provide aid as soon as possible.
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35 AED Training:

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- 37 • All AED users must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and proper AED use via
38 the American Heart Association guidelines.
 - 39 • AED training may be offered to school bus drivers contracted by Knox County Schools.²
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1 LEAs, teachers or other persons employed by the LEA responsible for an AED program shall not be liable
 2 for any civil liability or any personal injury that results from an act or omission that does not amount to
 3 willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence if the applicable provision and program established in
 4 T.C.A. § 68-140-404 and the rules adopted by the Tennessee Department of Health pursuant to T.C.A. §
 5 68-140-405 have been met by the LEA and school and have been followed by the individual using the
 6 AED.

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Legal References:

1. T.C.A. § 49-2-122.
2. T.C.A. § 49-2-122(h).
3. T.C.A. § 68-140-402.
4. T.C.A. § 68-140-404.
5. T.C.A. § 68-140-408.

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