

Section C:

**General
School
Administration**

Knox County Board of Education Policy

Descriptor Term:

**Automated External
Defibrillator**

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

AED Placement in Schools:

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

AED Program for Use in Schools:

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

AED Training Requirements:

- All AED users must be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and proper AED use via the American Heart Association guidelines.

LEAs, teachers or other persons employed by the LEA responsible for an AED program shall not be liable for any civil liability or any personal injury that results from an act or omission that does not amount to willful or wanton misconduct or gross negligence if the applicable provision and program established in

1 T.C.A. § 68-140-404 and the rules adopted by the Tennessee Department of Health pursuant to T.C.A. §
2 68-140-405 have been met by the LEA and school and have been followed by the individual using the
3 AED.
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41 Legal References:

- 42 1. T.C.A. § 49-2-122.
- 43 2. T.C.A. § 68-140-402.
- 44 3. T.C.A. § 68-140-404.
- 45 4. T.C.A. § 68-140-408.

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