

USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

The Mansfield Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the school community. Maintaining automated external defibrillators (AED) in the schools enables trained responder to deliver early defibrillation to victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

To increase the chance of survival of a sudden cardiac arrest prior to the arrival of the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS), the Mansfield Public Schools will have a Public Access Defibrillation Program with Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) located in each school and will meet all Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) requirements for AED implementation as an AED provider agency. Each AED will be maintained and tested in accordance with its manufacturer's guidelines.

The Superintendent will assign an AED Program Coordinator. The Superintendent and AED Program Coordinator will request individuals to be part of the AED Team, who will work with the District to implement and maintain the AED program.

The Program Coordinator will work with the AED Team to develop a program with standard operating procedures as required by the MDPH governing the use of the AEDs within the District. The program will be incorporated into the District's Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Each school will have site leader, a person who is an AED provider having current certification in a training course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an AED in accordance with the standards established by the American Heart Association or the American National Red Cross.

The District will develop a written collaborative memorandum of understanding in cooperation with the Mansfield Fire Departments, and under a Medical Director with expertise in emergency medicine. The District will also develop Program Protocols with the Mansfield Fire Departments and the Medical Director, which will contain all the provisions for administration and use of this equipment including training requirements, location of AED units, maintenance and inspection of AEDs, and the identification of local emergency response providers.

Individuals will be authorized to utilize an AED only after successfully completing initial and recurrent training courses approved by the American Heart Association for AEDs and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Bystanders, including students who are trained in the use of AED, may, after identifying themselves as being trained in the use of the AED, request and use the AED if it is accessible in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest on the grounds.

The District will provide American Heart Association AED training for employees deemed to require such training by the AED Team or Superintendent. Employees who are certified as AED and CPR trained will be designated as authorized users after a review of their credentials and approval by the Site Leaders.

Requirements for the frequency of recurrent training will be as specified by the issuing organization of the individual employee or student's certification. Acceptable certification will consist of completion of an American Heart Association AED and CPR course.

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At least one (1) Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be available to AED-trained faculty, staff, and students at each school building in case of a sudden cardiac arrest during regular school hours.

The school administration will ensure an AED and AED provider is readily available at any school-sponsored athletic event.

AED-trained faculty or staff will contact the police or emergency medical services in Mansfield if an AED is used and provide a report to the AED medical director.

This policy does not create an obligation to use the AED's nor to create any expectation that either an AED or trained employee will be present at non-school sponsored events. Outside contractors/renters and community activities are not guaranteed access to an AED or a trained AED operator, as part of standard school facility rental contracts.

Maintenance of the AED will be the responsibility of the Mansfield Public Schools Health Services.

An AED provider on staff by a school who, in good faith, attempts to render emergency care, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation or defibrillation, and does so without compensation, shall not be liable for acts or omissions, other than gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, resulting from the attempt to render such emergency care.

Policy Review and Revision

Review and revision of this policy, implementation plan and protocols, and memorandum of agreement by the Program Coordinator and AED Program Medical Director will occur as needed, but at least every two years.

LEGAL REF: M.G.L. c.112 §12V and 12V ½

MGL c. 71, §54C An Act Requiring Automated External Defibrillators in Schools

REF: Mansfield Public Schools

CROSS REF: Emergency Management Plan (need policy reference)

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Attachment A: Memorandum of Understanding Public Access Defibrillator Affiliation Agreement

Attachment B: AED Program Implementation Plan and Protocols

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