

## **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS**

The Saranac Central School Board of Education recognizes that cardiac emergencies may arise that justify the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). To this end, the district shall provide and maintain AED equipment for use by qualified personnel.

The Board shall designate the AED Coordinator to monitor the program and ensure that all designated responders are properly trained and that AEDs are properly maintained. The AED Coordinator will be responsible for training requirements, location of AED units, the maintenance and inspection of AEDs, the identification of local emergency response providers and assurances that 911 will be called immediately for emergency assistance.

The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall ensure that AED equipment is available on-site in each instructional school facility in quantities adequate to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies. School administrators shall ensure the presence of at least one staff person who is trained in the operation and use of an AED:

- whenever public school facilities are used for school-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities, or
- whenever a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location.

Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a public school facility, the public school officials must assure that AED equipment is provided on-site.

Consistent with applicable public health law 3000-a Saranac Central School District, or any employee or other agent of this school district, who in accordance with the provisions of law, voluntarily and without exception of monetary compensation renders emergency medical or first aid treatment using an AED to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured, shall not be liable for damages for injury or death unless caused by gross negligence.

Ref: Education Law §912  
Public Health Law §§3000-a(2); 3000-b  
Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in Public School Facilities, Office of Regional and School and Community Services, State Education Department, July 2002

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