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**SUBJECT:** Cardiac Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) in Public School Facilities

The school district shall provide and maintain on-site in each instructional school facility functional cardiac automated external defibrillator (AED) equipment as defined in Public Health Law Section 3000-b for use during emergencies. Each such facility shall have sufficient automated external defibrillator equipment available to ensure ready and appropriate access for use during emergencies in quantities and types as deemed appropriate by the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health. Determination of the quantity and placement of AED's must be made with consideration of at least the factors enumerated in Commissioner's Regulations. An instructional school facility means a building or other facility maintained by the school district where instruction is provided to students pursuant to its curriculum.

Whenever an instructional school district facility is used for a school-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular event or facility and whenever a school-sponsored athletic contest is held at any location, the public school officials and administrators responsible for such school facility or athletic contest shall ensure that AED equipment is provided on-site and that there is present during such event, activity, or contest at least one staff person who is trained in accordance with Public health Law in the operation and use of an AED. School-sponsored or school-approved curricular or extracurricular events or activities means events or activities of the school district that are, respectively, associated with its instructional curriculum or otherwise offered to its students. A school-sponsored athletic contest means an extra-class intramural athletic activity of instruction, practice, and competition for students in grades 4 through 12 consistent with Commissioner's Regulations Section 135.4.

Where a school-sponsored competitive athletic event is held at a site other than a school district facility, school district officials shall assure that AED equipment is provided on-site by the sponsoring or host district and that at least one staff person who is trained, in accordance with Public Health Law, in the operation and use of the AED is

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present during such athletic event. A school-sponsored competitive athletic event means an extra-class interscholastic athletic activity of instruction, practice, and competition for students in grades 7 through 12 consistent with Commissioner's Regulations Section 135.4.

School district facilities and district staff responsible for carrying out the duties enumerated in Education Law Section 917 are deemed a "public access defibrillation provider" as defined pursuant to Public Health Law Section 3000-b and subject to the Public Health Law requirements and limitations.

Therefore, it is the policy of our school district to provide proper training requirements for district AED users, to ensure the immediate calling of 911 and/or the community equivalent ambulance dispatch entity whenever the AED is used, to ensure the prompt reporting to an emergency health care provider, and to ensure ready identification of the location and type of the AED units used by the district as enumerated in the district's Public Access Defibrillation Collaborative Agreement. An Emergency Health Care Provider means (i) a physician with knowledge and experience in the delivery of emergency cardiac care; or (ii) a hospital licensed to provide emergency cardiac care.

The district will provide for regular maintenance and testing procedures of the AED unit(s) which meet or exceed manufacturer's recommendations. Appropriate documentation will be maintained in accordance with law and/or regulation.

The Superintendent will provide the Board with an annual report concerning AED's including usage, maintenance, training, and any recommendations for change in policy or administrative regulations.

Education Law Section 917  
Public Health Law Sections 3000-a and 3000-b  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations  
(NYCRR) Section 136.4

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