

Obion County Board of Education

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Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

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Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) — or massive heart attack — as it is sometimes known, can strike anyone. An AED in the school setting may save lives through appropriate use by trained laypersons. It is important to identify the population in the school setting for whom an AED may be beneficial; the personnel to be trained should be those staff members who will have the most contact with this target population. The identified populations for whom an AED may be beneficial include: students, school staff, and any visitors attending any public events held at the school.

Those who may be trained in usage of the AED include and are not limited to: teachers, safety team members, coaches, athletic directors, physical education/health teachers, cafeteria employees, custodial staff and school health nurses. There must be at least eight (8) identified school personnel who are CPR certified and have obtained AED training per school. Training and documentation of training will be the responsibility of the school nurse for each school. Documentation will be given to the director of Coordinated School Health on an annual basis.

The location of an AED in the school is very important. It should be easily accessible during sporting events and all other school related events held at the school in addition to being accessible during the school day for staff, students, and school visitors. The day location may be the school nursing office, the school administration office, or other well-recognized site. Any other location for the AED chosen by the school must take into consideration ease of access.

Any AED within the Obion County School System must be registered with the Baptist Hospital EMS Coordinator. As required by law, a plan for training and use will also be submitted. The physician who serves as the Medical Director for the school system will serve as the Medical Director for the plan, as long as the submitted plan follows policy and procedure outlined in this document.

Maintenance of the AEDs will be the responsibility of the principal/designee of the school which the AED is housed. The maintenance reports should be turned in annually to the Coordinated School Health office. The Obion County Schools Office of Coordinated School Health will be the coordinator of all AEDs in the school system.

Each time the AED is used, the person using the AED must complete a utilization report. This is a legal requirement that must be met. The report will be submitted to the Obion County Schools Coordinated School Health office, and will be forwarded to the Medical Director and the Baptist Hospital EMS Coordinator once it has been reviewed. The Coordinated School Health office will be responsible for tracking overall utilization and maintenance of AEDs in the Obion County School System.