

## **Vallivue School District #139**

The district has automated external defibrillators (AED) in certain district locations to assist those on school property requiring immediate medical intervention related to sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the electrical impulses of the human heart malfunction causing a disturbance in the heart's electrical rhythm. This erratic and ineffective electrical heart rhythm causes complete cessation of the heart's normal function of pumping blood resulting in sudden death.

### **DEFINITION**

“Automated external defibrillator (AED)” means a computerized medical device that is used to treat victims in the first critical moments after sudden cardiac arrest.

### **PROGRAM COORDINATOR**

The principal or other designated district employee will act as the AED program coordinator. The AED program coordinator carries out the routine operations and maintenance of the AED program within the district and ensures compliance with the district's AED policies and procedures. The AED program coordinator will notify an agent of the emergency communications system or emergency vehicle dispatch center of the existence, location and type of defibrillator(s). The AED program coordinator or designee will conduct and document a response readiness annual review.

### **TRAINING**

Expected AED users must complete an approved training in CPR and the use and care of the AED. The training must be equivalent to the CPR and AED training of the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or similar entities. If the AED program includes the treatment of children under the age of eight (8) years old or under 55 lbs. (25 kg), training will include infant/child CPR.

The school office will maintain training records for the trained employees. Trained employees will renew CPR and AED training per the training entity requirement.

### **VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS**

The extent to which individuals respond to a medical emergency should be appropriate to their training and experience. The emergency medical response may include first-aid, CPR, and/or the

use of an AED. Any person who renders emergency care or treatment to a person in cardiac arrest by using a defibrillator must activate the emergency medical services system as soon as possible.

**EQUIPMENT**

All equipment and accessories necessary for supporting an AED emergency response will be maintained in a state of readiness and tested according to the manufacturer’s specifications.

During school hours the AED will be at designated locations. These locations will be specific to each school but will allow the device to be easily accessible by staff. After school hours, the AED may be moved from its designated location by an AED-trained athletic trainer or other trained staff member to support extra-curricular activities on a volunteer basis. A visible sign must be left in the place of the AED, with the phone number of the athletic trainer/staff member, clearly indication they have possession of the AED.

Contracted and other community activities are not guaranteed access to the AED as part of the standard rental contracts. Vallivue School District does not guarantee that an AED will be available at all school events.

**MEDICAL RESPONSE DOCUMENTATION**

Within 24 hours of an AED medical event, an accident report form will be completed by the responding employee or volunteer and provided to the program coordinator and principal.

**IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY**

Any person who reasonably renders emergency care using a defibrillator, without remuneration or expectation of remuneration, at the scene of an accident or emergency to a victim of the accident or emergency will not be liable for any civil damages resulting from the person’s acts or omissions. This immunity from civil liability does not apply if the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful, wanton, or reckless misconduct.



**LEGAL REFERENCE:**

Idaho Code Section 5-337 – Immunity for Use of Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

**ADOPTED: 3/13/18 (New Policy)**

**AMENDED:**