

CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Each school shall have a cardiac emergency response plan on file in the principal's office. The cardiac emergency response plan will address the appropriate use of school personnel to respond to incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life-threatening emergency while on school grounds. This plan shall also account for incidents involving an individual experiencing sudden cardiac arrest or a similar life threatening emergency while attending or participating in an athletic practice while on school grounds. The cardiac emergency response plan must be shared with local emergency response service providers.

The cardiac emergency response plan shall integrate, at a minimum, the following guidelines:

1. Establishing a cardiac emergency response team;
2. Activating the team in response to a sudden cardiac arrest;
3. A plan for implementing AED placement and routine maintenance within the school;
4. Disseminating the plan throughout the school campus;
5. Maintaining ongoing staff training in CPR/AED use;
6. Practicing using drills annually;
7. Integrating local EMS with the plan; and
8. Ongoing and annual review and evaluations of the plan.

Appropriate AED placement shall be dictated by the plan and in accordance with guidelines set by the American Heart Association or another nationally recognized, evidence-based standard. The Board of Trustees may accept gifts, grants and donations, including in-kind donations designated for the purchase of an AED that meets the standards established by the United States Food and Drug Administration, for the costs incurred to inspect and maintain such device, and for the training of staff in the use of such device.

Appropriate school staff will be trained in first-aid, CPR, and AED use that follow evidence-based guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association or another nationally recognized, evidence-based standard. Staff that are to be trained include, but is not limited to, licensed coaches, school nurses, and athletic trainers. Practice drills shall be held annually in accordance with the plan.

A school district, school district employee, or agent acting in good faith who provides assistance or services under this policy shall be immune from civil prosecution and shall not be liable in any action for civil damages in any capacity.

The superintendent shall develop procedures to support this policy.

LEGAL REF: Mississippi Code Annotated Section 73-25-37

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