



Georgia Department of Education Georgia School for the Deaf

Policies and Procedures

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| Policy Title: | Automatic External Defibrillator | | |
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Purpose

To ensure appropriate use of automatic external defibrillators (AED) at the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Applicability

This policy applies to the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Policy

Sudden cardiac arrest due to blunt trauma to the chest is known as Commotio Cordis. This type of trauma can occur during a sporting event when the student sustains a chest wall blow and collapses. The initial arrhythmia in the majority of these incidents is ventricular fibrillation. Early defibrillation is the only known therapy.

General Provisions

The School Nurse shall contact the Cave Spring Police and Fire Departments to notify them that GSD has two AEDs. A copy of the policy and procedures regulating its use will be made available to both departments.

Response teams shall be established (per specification of the American Heart Association) of personnel trained in CPR and AED operation to ensure an efficient and effective response to an emergency situation. Participation shall be strictly voluntary.

The AED program shall have on file a written standing order signed by the school physician. A copy of this standing order shall be kept in the Health Services.

Personnel participating in the AED program are responsible for keeping their CPR and Basic Life Support certification current. Copies of each individual's certification shall be kept on file in Health Services.

The AED shall be located during the school day in Health Services and the gym. It shall be the responsibility of the School Nurse to check the AED for proper function. This check shall be documented.

The AED shall be available for use at GSD during regular school day hours only or GSD sponsored events.

Substitute nurses shall not be responsible for the AED.

The location of the AED along with a list of trained personnel shall be located in the main office of GSD as well as Health Services.

The school physician shall provide medical consultation and support to the AED program.

The School Nurse shall co-ordinate personnel training and recertification.

The School Nurse shall have on file in Health Services a log which shall include:

- a. A copy of the policy procedure and treatment protocol.
- b. A list of trained personnel which shall be updated annually.
- c. Emergency contact information for all student athletes which shall be updated annually.
- d. All documentation information sheets.