

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)
PROCEDURES

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822. AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) PROCEDURES

The School Board of Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District is committed to providing a safe and healthful school environment. The purpose of the following policy is to guide the implementation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program that provides emergency care for victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest.

The AED program is implemented in accordance with a physician approved protocol and guidelines. The AED units are owned and operated by Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District and are housed in secure and accessible locations

1. The building administrator shall appoint a Critical Response Team (CERT) annually.
2. CERT members shall be trained in adult Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), child CPR, and use of the AED in accordance with the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or the equivalent course of instruction approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, CERT members must recertify as specified by the guidelines of the American Red Cross, American Heart Association, of equivalent course of instruction approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. CERT members must receive and follow written district guidelines and protocols pertaining to the use of CPR and AED's.
3. CERT members shall have the opportunity to review and reinforce their skills using training tools available in the school library.
4. The medical advisor of the AED program is the school district medical director. The medical advisor of the AED program is responsible for writing the prescription required to purchase an AED and reviewing and approving the protocol for use.

5. A CERT member in each building will be designated by the building administrator to perform AED maintenance checks as suggested by the AED manufacturer.
6. The AED may be used by any Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District employee or contracted staff member who has successfully completed and is currently certified by an approved CPR and AED training program.
7. Upon arrival of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) or a health professional, the responsibility for care and treatment of the victim is transferred to them. CERT members must not interfere with or obstruct care or treatment of the victim by EMS or the health professional.