

SECTION: OPERATIONS

TITLE: AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

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NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

<p>822. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR</p>	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>The automated external defibrillator will enable trained responders to deliver early defibrillation to victims in the first critical moments after a sudden cardiac arrest. Upon arrival of the emergency medical service providers, patient's care should be transferred.</p>
<p>2. Definition</p>	<p>An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a device used to deliver an electrical shock to the heart of a victim of cardiac arrest.</p> <p>AED's are important because defibrillators can restore a normal heart rhythm in individuals suffering from ventricular fibrillation. The unit is designed to be used by lay responders who may be able to provide early defibrillation prior to advanced medical care.</p>
<p>3. Guidelines</p>	<p>The following conditions are to be met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure that the devices will be secured in a safe and readily accessible location. 2. AED's are to be properly maintained and tested according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines. 3. Submit a valid prescription for the devices from a licensed medical practitioner in the Commonwealth. 4. A core group of AED rescuers is properly trained in the event of a collapsed victim. AED rescuers must maintain current AED certification. A record must be kept of currently trained rescuers with the expiration date on their certification cards.

<p>School Code 1423</p> <p>PA Statute 42 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 8331.2, 8337.1</p>	<p>On December 15, 1998, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania signed House Bill 1897, which provides “Good Samaritan civil immunity for the use of AED’s.” This supplements Section 11 of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania Code.</p>
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