

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

The West Valley School District Board of Directors recognizes that equipping schools with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training employees and students in their use, increases the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency, including cardiac arrest. The Board authorizes the District to place AEDs at all WVSD schools, Facilities Department, Transportation Department and the Administration Office. The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) requires that any person using an AED receive training. Therefore, schools and district facilities with an AED on site will designate and train selected staff in the use of AEDs according to the DOH guidelines. Student instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitations, to include the appropriate use of an AED, will occur in at least one health class necessary for graduation.

This policy does not create any implied or express guarantee, or obligation to use an AED, nor does it create an expectation that an AED or a trained employee will be present and able to use an AED, even if a condition arose that made the use of an AED beneficial.

A person who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the AED in an emergency setting, unless the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

Hand held radios shall be required for all supervising personnel at all school day outdoor activities, including but not limited to recess, PE, and field trips when school busses are not provided.

The Superintendent will develop additional procedures for the placement, maintenance, and use of AEDs in schools.

Cross References:	Policy 2410	High School Graduation Requirements
Legal References:	RCW 4.24.300	Immunity from liability for certain types of medical care
	Chapter 28A.230	RCW Compulsory Coursework and Activities
	RCW 70.54.310	Semiautomatic external defibrillator - Duty of Acquirer - Immunity from Civil Liability
Management Resources:	Policy News, August 2018	
	Policy News, Sept 2013	CPR/AED required for one health class
	Policy News, April 2011	Legal Aspects of Defibrillator Use Defined