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Hermon School Department

Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

The Hermon School Committee recognizes that from time to time medical emergencies may arise that warrant the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The Hermon School Department may acquire one or more AED's for use in its schools and at school athletic events.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for developing, in consultation with the school physician or other qualified expert **and in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions**, protocols for the use, storage, location, testing and maintenance of the School Department's AEDs and for identification of school personnel who should be trained in the use of an AED.

[NOTE: The American Heart Association offers an "AED Implementation Guide," available online at www.americanheart.org, that may be useful in developing such protocols, and manufacturers typically provide detailed instructions for use, testing, and maintenance of their products. However, decisions must be made locally concerning the selection and the circumstances (if any) in which an AED may be removed from a school building for use at a school activity elsewhere. These decisions are particularly important if the school unit has only one AED in a building or for the entire school unit. We recommend the superintendent or his/her designee make these decisions in consultation with the school physician or other qualified expert and the school unit's school nurses, principals and athletic director.]

Although the School Committee authorizes the acquisition of AEDS, it cannot and does not guarantee that an AED or a person trained in its use will be available at any particular school site or school-sponsored event.

Legal Reference: 14 M.R.S.A. § 164**[NOTE: The AED law, 22 M.R.S.A § 2150-C, as amended, provides immunity from civil liability for damages relating to the use, possession or purchase of an AED and arising out of acts or omissions relating to preparing for and responding to suspected sudden cardiac arrest emergencies absent gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct for any person or entity acquiring, maintaining, using, prescribing or providing instructions in the use of an AED.]**

20-A M.R.S.A. § 4009
22 M.R.S.A. § 2150-C

Cross Reference: EBCA – Crisis Response Plan
JLCE – First Aid and Emergency Medical Care