

**AED Policy Statement
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District**

The Wrightstown Community School District strives to promote a safe and healthy environment for students, teachers, district employees and community members. The Wrightstown Community School District placed automated electronic defibrillator(s) or (AED) at designated site(s) in each school within the district for emergency care on a victim of cardiac arrest. The AED is used in an emergency setting on an unconscious victim of a cardiac arrest as evidenced by the absence of breathing and a pulse.

The district will abide by all of the certification requirements for emergent care and AED use as stated in Assembly Bill 230 Act 7 Section 1: 146:50(8g) and Section 2: 895.48(4).

First, in accordance with section 146:50 (8g):

“A person (rescuer) other than an emergency medical technician or a first responder may use a semiautomatic electronic defibrillator in rendering emergency care or providing treatment to an individual who appears to be in cardiac arrest if the person (rescuer) has received training in an approved course for which a physician serves as the medical director and is approved by the department of health and family services”.

If a medical emergency arises at a district or community sponsored event, only certified trained staff, students, or lay rescuers may initiate emergent defibrillation care in accordance with the stated policy and procedure.

Second, in accordance with section 2 895.4 (4a):

“Any of the following (rescuers) who meet the applicable requirement of section 146.50(8g) and who act within the applicable limitation of section 146.50 (8g) is immune from civil liability for the acts or omissions of a person in rendering in good faith emergency care by use of an AED unit under section 146.50(8g) to an individual who appears to be in a cardiac arrest.”

Therefore, civil immunity is granted to the following parties –

1. The person (rescuer) who renders the care.
2. The physician who serves as the medical director for the program & training course.
3. The owner of the semiautomatic defibrillator device.
4. The provider of the training course.

When necessary, an AED may be used (by following the device's instructions) by a person who has not previously received AED training. However, without causing any undue delay in providing the emergency care, school personnel who are responding to such an emergency should make reasonable efforts to defer any use of an AED to the most-qualified individual who is present at the scene. Such school personnel shall also ensure that 911 is contacted as soon as practical.

Maintenance and testing shall be conducted as required by the manufacturer of the AED. This maintenance and testing shall be performed by Wrightstown custodial or health services staff.

The District will train individuals who will be allowed to use the AED in an emergency situation. These individuals will use the AED in accordance with district policy, procedures, and medical guidelines.

After an incident involving the use of an AED, the specific incident and the services rendered should be documented according to District's procedures. In addition, a debriefing team of relevant school personnel shall meet and review the AED-related incident to determine whether any changes or improvements to District procedures can be identified.

Whenever an AED unit has been removed from its storage location for possible use, the AED shall be checked and put back into a state of readiness by the Director of Building and Grounds, who shall follow all procedures and standards established by the manufacturer.

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