

Brick Township Board of Education District Policy

Students

Series 5000

Automated External Defibrillator

Policy 5141.9

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The Board of Education recognizes that cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. In an effort to ensure the safety of students, visitors and staff, the Board establishes this policy for the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

For the purposes of this policy, Automated External Defibrillator means a medical device heart monitor and defibrillator that:

1. Has received approval of its pre-market notification filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s.360(k) from the United States Food and Drug Administration;
2. Is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid ventricular tachycardia, and is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator, whether defibrillation should be performed; and,
3. Upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

An AED will be located in the school building and will be used by qualified responders in response to cardiac medical emergencies. The AED will not be used by anyone without proper training. The AED will be maintained and tested in accordance with the operational guidelines of the manufacturer. The AED will be kept on school property and may accompany Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel to a hospital emergency room or other medical facility as deemed appropriate by the EMS. It will be returned to the school as soon as the emergency has been adequately addressed.

Neither the properly trained care provider, the Board of Education, nor the trainers of responders in the use of the AED will be held civilly liable for their acts or omissions in rendering good faith emergency care to someone who appears to be in cardiac arrest.

In accordance with P.L. Chapter 34 and under the direction of the school physician, a Board of Education employee may use the AED under the following circumstances:

1. The employee has successfully completed and holds a current certification from the American Heart Association, American Red Cross or other training program recognized by the Department of Health and Senior Services in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and use of a defibrillator. Copies of the certificates will be kept on file in the school office and the Nurse's office. Re-certifications will be submitted for filing annually.
2. The victim is in cardiopulmonary arrest as determined by unconsciousness, absent pulse, and no spontaneous breathing.
3. "9-1-1" is activated.
4. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is performed until the AED is brought to the scene.

After assessing unresponsiveness, the responder will call for help and for someone to contact 9-1-1 to summon EMS. The responder will also request that the AED be retrieved. The responder

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will then begin to administer CPR until the AED arrives. Once the responder determines that the use of the AED is indicated, he/she will do so in accordance with the training he/she has received and the instructions of the manufacturer.

Once the EMS arrives the EMS will assume responsibility for the care of the victim, using the AED and transport the patient to the hospital. After the victim has been transferred to the care of the EMS, the School Nurse will notify the School Physician. The AED Incident Response Report is to be completed by the rescuer and given to the School Nurse who will send a copy to the School Physician. The School Nurse will conduct a post-event debriefing with the responder to review actions that went well and the collection of opportunities for improvement, as well as critical incident de-briefing.

The use of an AED is contraindicated under the following circumstances:

1. The victim is conscious,
2. The victim is breathing,
3. There is a presence of a detectable pulse of the victim,
4. The victim is a child under the age of 1, in accordance with the guidelines established by the American Heart Association,
5. The victim is lying in water, or
6. The victim is lying on a metal surface

Any person or entity who, in good faith, acquires or provides a defibrillator, renders emergency care or treatment and, who has complied with the requirements of P.L. Chapter 34, shall be immune from civil liability for any personal injury as a result of such care or treatment, or as a result of any acts or omissions by the person or entity in providing, rendering, or supervising the emergency care or treatment. The immunity provided shall include the prescribing licensed physician and the person or entity that provided the training in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the use of the defibrillator.

Revision and updating of these guidelines will be the responsibility of the Brick Township Board of Education.

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Legal References

- NJSA 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
- 18A:11-3 Voluntary associations resulting student activities; rules and regulations; appeals
- 18A:40-4.5 No court action against school personnel

- P.L. Chapter 34
- AED's in the School, Stapleton, E., Ed Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation, 1998
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