

Section:	District Administration
Title:	Unexpected Health Emergencies

Purpose

To provide direction on implementing programs to respond to unexpected health emergencies

Policy

To ensure life saving measures are readily available to respond to unexpected health emergencies, the school district will provide an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) device and a naloxone kit in every public building and school within the school district.

Definitions:

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic medical device used on a person experiencing sudden cardiac arrest, a condition where the heart unexpectedly stops beating.

Naloxone is a medication that quickly reverses the effects of toxic drug poisoning from opioids such as heroin, methadone, fentanyl, hydromorphone, and morphine.

Responsibilities

The Superintendent is responsible for ensuring that procedures and protocols are in place for the use of AEDs and Naloxone, and that employees are trained to safely use AEDs and Naloxone without causing harm to themselves or others.

Guidelines

- AEDs are to be clearly marked with standardized signage to support easy identification and use
- AEDs are to be inspected regularly to ensure functionality and monitor expiry dates
- AEDs are readily accessible considering diverse user needs
- Information and signage regarding the location and availability of AEDs and Naloxone are to be placed throughout each public building and school.

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Legal Reference: Response to Unexpected Health Emergencies Policy, Ministry of Education, July 1, 2025

Cross Reference: District Administration - AED Procedures
District Administration - Naloxone Protocol – draft

Forms: