

Continuous efforts are made to ensure the safety and well being of students. It is the responsibility of the building administrator to maintain a safe and secure environment. Periodic inspections will be made in an effort to identify methods to improve safety standards.

In the event of an illness or injury to a student, the school will notify the parents. In cases where medical care may be required, the administrator and parent will make a decision regarding the arrangements for seeking treatment.

If the parent or guardian is unavailable, the acting administrator has the authority to determine the appropriate procedures to seek medical treatment. Such treatment will be limited to immediate care until the parent or guardian can be contacted. In extreme cases such as hemorrhaging, respiratory difficulties, or unconsciousness, emergency medical assistance should be summoned immediately.

#### **Use of Automated External Defibrillators**

Each school in the system with an interscholastic athletics program will have at least one functional Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on site and easily accessible for emergency use during any school related function, including athletic practices, athletic competitions, and other occasions where students and others will be present. In emergency situations warranting its use, the AED may be utilized by individuals who have received CPR training and training in AED use through a program meeting the standards of a nationally recognized training course.

The Board authorizes the placement of AEDs on the premises of other school system facilities or property as determined appropriate by the Superintendent or designee.

Each school or facility possessing and maintaining an AED must involve a licensed physician or other board-certified medical provider to ensure compliance with the requirements specified in Georgia law for training, notification, and maintenance of the AED.

**PROCEDURE: YES**  
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