

**Wilson Area School District
Use of Automatic External Defibrillators**

- Purpose** The Board of School Directors is committed to providing a safe and healthful environment. The purpose of this policy is to be prepared to treat victims who experience **Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)**
- Definition** The **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** system is a program that includes a **Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT)**. The MERT shall consist of staff and community members who volunteer to be part of this team. Each member must be currently certified in CPR and AED use by participating successfully in a nationally recognized training program. Written guidelines for emergencies relating to the use of AEDs and CPR are provided to all MERT members and annual training and re-training for new and current members is expected.
- Guidelines** The AED system will be facilitated in accordance with the approved district procedures. The AED units are owned by the Wilson Area School District and will be housed in secure and accessible locations.
1. AED units will be checked periodically in each location.
 2. In the event the AED is used on a victim of cardiac arrest, an Incident Report will be filled out and a copy of the recorded files downloaded from the AED unit will be provided to the local EMT service and/or the victim's physician.
 3. A post evaluation of the MERT reaction will be scheduled.
 4. The following resources will be used to establish and maintain an AED program to meet national standards:
 - a. PA Public Defibrillation Law Summary
 - b. American Heart Association (AHA) and American Red Cross (ARC) AED Guidelines
 - c. Medical Emergency Action Plans
 - d. Infection Control Procedure for occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens
 - e. Good Samaritan Act providing immunity from liability exclusions
 - f. The medical advisor of the AED program will be the school physician. The medical advisor of the AED program is responsible for writing a prescription required to purchase AED's and reviewing and approving guidelines for use.
 - g. An in-service training video shall be made available to all trained staff and community members to review at any time to provide opportunity for additional reinforcement of skills learned.

**Delegation of
Responsibility**

All members of the school district's MERT who have successfully completed training or any trained volunteer responder who has successfully completed an approved CPR and AED training program and has a current successful course completion card may use the AED.