HEALTH CARE AND EMERGENCIES

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes the importance of taking appropriate action whenever an emergency threatens the safety, health, or welfare of a student at school or during school-sponsored activities.

(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)
(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)
(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
(cf. 5142 - Safety)

The County Superintendent (“Superintendent”) or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when accidents and injuries to students occur and that parents/guardians are notified as appropriate.

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 5143 - Insurance)
(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall ask parents/guardians to provide emergency contact information in order to facilitate communication in the event of an accident or illness.

District staff shall appropriately report and document student accidents.

Automated External Defibrillators

The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by school employees in an emergency.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding these devices and shall ensure that employees receive information that describes sudden cardiac arrest, the school's emergency response plan, and the proper use of an AED. The guidelines shall also specify the placement, security, and maintenance of the AED.
The authorization of AEDs in district schools shall not be deemed to create a guarantee that an AED will be present or will be used in the case of an emergency, or that a trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency, or that the AED will operate properly.

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**
32040-32044 First aid equipment
49300-49307 School safety patrols
49407 Liability for treatment
49408 Emergency information
49409 Athletic events; physicians and surgeons; emergency medical care; immunity
49417 Automated external defibrillators
49470 Medical and hospital services for athletic program
49471 Medical and hospital services not provided or available
49472 Medical and hospital services for pupils
49474 Ambulance services
51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

**CIVIL CODE**
1714.21 Defibrillators; CPR; immunity from civil liability

**FAMILY CODE**
6550-6552 Caregivers

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**
1797.196 Automated external defibrillators, immunity from civil liability
1797.200 Emergency medical services agency
1799.102 Personal liability immunity

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8**
5193 California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22**
100031-100042 Automated external defibrillators

Management Resources:

**WEB SITES**
American Heart Association: http://www.americanheart.org
American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org
California Department of Health Care Services: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov

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