

**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>*