



SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
**School Board Policy Executive Summary**  
 Form D

<b>Policy Number:</b>	8452
<b>Title of Policy:</b>	Automated External Defibrillators (AED)
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Christine Moore, Assistant Superintendent; Student Services
<b>Purpose of Revisions:</b>	The purpose of the proposed revisions to the policy is to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state laws, Florida State Board of Education Rules, Board policies, administrative rules, procedures, and guidelines. In addition, the proposed revisions promote transparency and accountability.
<b>Tentative Schedule:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cabinet – 11/29/21</li> <li>• Work Session – 12/14/21</li> <li>• Rule Development Workshop – 1/18/22</li> <li>• School Board Meeting Information – 1/18/22</li> <li>• School Board Meeting Approval – 2/8/22</li> <li>• Effective Date – upon approval</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Proposed Policy Revisions:</b>	These proposed revisions do encompass the suggested language from NEOLA.
<b>Specific Authority:</b>	21 C.F.R. 801.109 F.S. 401.2915 F.S. 768.13 F.S. 768.1325 F.S. 1006.165
<b>Next Steps:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisions to internal procedures</li> <li>• Training for BPS employees regarding revisions to policy and revised procedures</li> </ul>

**Current  
Version**

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**8452 - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)**

The Board has determined that it may enhance school safety to have an automated external defibrillator (AED) placed in building(s) within the District.

An AED is a medical device that contains a heart monitor and defibrillator that is used to administer an electric shock through a person's chest wall to the heart. The built in computer system of the AED assesses the patient's heart rhythm, determines whether defibrillation is needed, and then administers a shock, if necessary. Audible and/or visual prompts guide the user through the process of using the AED.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop procedures that school and District administrators are required to follow when such devices are placed at the school or other District facilities. The procedures shall include information on what brand and model of device is to be used, the use of the AED, placement of the AED, training, maintenance, and testing of the devices as well as information on oversight offered by the approved medical doctor or by the local EMS Medical Director. The Board also directs the Superintendent, in conjunction with the EMS Medical Director, to review the procedures for appropriateness.

21 C.F.R. 801.109  
F.S. 401.2915, 768.1325

Adopted 4/12/05

# Neola Template

NEOLA TEMPLATE

**8452 - AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)**

The School Board has determined that Florida law authorizes the placement of an automated external defibrillator (AED) in school buildings owned or leased by the District for the purpose of saving the life of a person in cardiac arrest. The location of each AED shall be registered with a local emergency medical services medical director.

**[OPTION - The District must select this option if any District school is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association.]**

[ ] Each public school in the District that is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSA) must have an operational AED on school grounds.

**[END OF OPTION]**

An AED is a medical device designed to analyze the heart rhythm and deliver an electric shock to victims of ventricular fibrillation to restore the heart rhythm to normal. Ventricular fibrillation is the uncoordinated heart rhythm most often responsible for sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest occurs when ventricular fibrillation takes place or when the heart stops beating altogether. Without medical attention, the victim collapses, loses consciousness, becomes unresponsive, and dies. Many victims have no prior history of heart disease and are stricken without warning.

All employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use an AED will be required to complete appropriate training, including completion of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or a basic first aid course that includes CPR and demonstrated proficiency in the use of an AED. All employees or volunteers who are reasonably expected to use an AED shall be notified annually of the location of each AED on school grounds, which shall be available in a clearly marked and publicized location for each athletic activity.

In accordance with State law, any person, including District employees or volunteers who uses or attempts to use an AED on a victim of a perceived medical emergency, without objection of the victim of the perceived medical emergency, is immune from civil liability for any harm resulting from the use or attempted use of such AED, subject to certain exceptions set forth in Florida law.

If an AED device is placed in a building, the Board directs the Superintendent to develop procedures that govern AEDs, including, but not limited to, the use of the AED, placement of the AED, training, and maintenance and testing of the devices. In promulgating these procedures, the Superintendent shall follow the procedures and recommendations developed pursuant to State law by the Secretary of the Department of Health.

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