

**The School Board of Leon County
Bylaws & Policies**

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Leon County were adopted on September 4, 2012, and were in effect beginning September 5, 2012.

8452 - USE OF AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

The School Board believes that schools are to be safe places for students, staff, and the community, and the School Board recognizes that sudden cardiac arrest is an unforeseen event that may occur at any time or place. The School Board has determined that the Florida statutes authorize 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. In the event that an AED is placed in buildings owned or leased by the District, the location of each AED shall be registered with the local emergency medical services director as required by Florida statutes.

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.

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.

In accordance with State law, any trained employee who uses or attempts to use an AED device on a victim of a perceived medical emergency is immune from civil liability.

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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