AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

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

An AED is a medical device that interprets the cardiac rhythm of a person in cardiac arrest and, if appropriate, delivers an electrical shock to the heart intended to allow it to resume effective electrical activity.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop guidelines that govern AEDs, including the use of the AED, placement of the AED, and training and oversight by a licensed, medical doctor or by the local EMS Medical Director. The Board also directs the Superintendent, in conjunction with a licensed, medical doctor or the EMS Medical Director, to review the guidelines on a periodic basis.

An AED is a medical device heart monitor and defibrillator that:

A. has undergone the premarket approval process pursuant to the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 360, as amended;

B. is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation;

C. is capable of determining, without intervention by the operation, whether defibrillation should be performed; and

D. upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and requests deliver of an electrical impulse to an individual’s heart.
The Superintendent is authorized to develop an "early defibrillation program" as that term is defined in Chapter 16, article 4D, section 3 of the West Virginia Code. In the event the Superintendent does not elect to develop an "early defibrillation program," as that term is defined in Chapter 16, article 4D, section 3 of the West Virginia Code, the Superintendent may still develop guidelines that govern AEDs, including the use of the AED, placement of the AED, and training in the use of the AED in consultation with a healthcare professional.

W.V. Code 16-4D-2
W.V. Code 16-4D-3