

1 The Transylvania County Board of Education (the “board”) is committed to providing a healthy
2 and safe environment for its students, employees, and visitors. To provide opportunities for
3 assistance to individuals who experience sudden cardiac arrest on school property, the board
4 authorizes the placement of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) in designated locations in
5 schools and other board-owned or operated facilities and at designated events to be accessed by
6 medical practitioners and other trained persons.
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8 To the extent funding, staff, and training are available, the superintendent is authorized to
9 acquire AEDs for use at designated schools and events. The superintendent is further authorized
10 to develop a program to address access to and training, use, and maintenance of AEDs in the
11 school system. All such AEDs and any program developed must comply with the requirements
12 of state and federal law.
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14 The superintendent, in consultation with medical professionals trained in cardiopulmonary
15 resuscitation (CPR) and AED use, shall develop procedures to implement this policy.
16 Procedures must include information regarding:
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- 18 1. Medical/healthcare provider oversight: Choice of AED devices will be made in
19 consultation with a physician licensed by the state of North Carolina. Preference will be
20 given to machines that offer both adult and child settings. The type of AED product must
21 be one that is approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration.
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- 23 2. CPR and AED use training for anticipated responders: Training will be completed in
24 accordance with nationally recognized training programs including those approved and
25 provided by the American Heart Association or American Red Cross. Appropriate
26 records of training will be maintained.
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- 28 3. Coordination with the emergency medical services (EMS) system: Appropriate local
29 EMS officials must be notified of the location and most recent placement of AEDs within
30 a reasonable period of time of placement.
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- 32 4. Appropriate device maintenance and testing.
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- 34 5. Placement of AEDs.
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36 The superintendent or designee shall report to the board on the plan for and actual use of AEDs
37 in the school system. The superintendent shall designate a program coordinator to manage the
38 AED program in the schools.
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40 Nothing in this policy should be construed to require the presence or use of an AED on school
41 property or at school sponsored events, unless otherwise required by law. The board cannot and
42 does not guarantee that an AED or a person trained in its use will be available at any particular
43 school site or school-sponsored event.
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45 The board and its employees expressly reserve all immunities from civil liability which are
46 available to them under state or federal law, including governmental immunity and the statutory
47 immunities set forth in North Carolina General Statutes 90-21.14, 90-21.15 and 115C-375.1 and
48 federal statute 42 U.S.C. 238q.

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50 Legal References: G.S. 90-21.14, -21.15; 115C-375.1; 42 U.S.C. 238q

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52 Cross References: Student Health Services (policy 6120)

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54 Other References **Resources:** *N.C. Emergency Guidelines for Schools*, (NCDHHS 2009),
55 available at <http://www.nchealthyschools.org/resources>
56 <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/documents/resources/nc-emergency-guidelines>; Implementing an AED
57 Program, (American Heart Association 2012 2018), available at
58 [http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-](http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@ccc/documents/downloadable/ucm_438703.pdf)
59 [public/@wcm/@ccc/documents/downloadable/ucm_438703.pdf](http://www.heart.org/idc/groups/heart-public/@wcm/@ccc/documents/downloadable/ucm_438703.pdf) [https://cpr.heart.org/-](https://cpr.heart.org/-/media/CPR-Files/Training-Programs/AED-Implementation/2022-updates/AED-Guide-1.pdf)
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