

# Gravenstein Union School District

## Board Policy

### Health Care And Emergencies

BP 5141

#### Students

The Governing 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 Superintendent or designee shall develop procedures to ensure that first aid and/or medical attention is provided as quickly as possible when student accidents and injuries 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.

#### Resuscitation Orders

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that wish to preclude the acceptance of "do not resuscitate" orders except under very limited circumstances. Districts presented with a "do not resuscitate" order should consult legal counsel as appropriate. \*\*\*

The Board believes that staff members should not be placed in the position of determining whether or not to follow any parental or medical "do not resuscitate" orders. Staff shall not accept or follow any such orders unless they have been informed by the Superintendent or designee that the request to accept such an order has been submitted to the Superintendent or designee, signed by the parent/guardian, and supported by a written statement from the student's physician and an order from an appropriate court.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all parents/guardians are informed of this policy.

### **Automated External Defibrillators**

\*\*\*Note: The following optional section is for use by districts that have or are considering purchasing or receiving a donation of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to be used to treat victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Health and Safety Code 1797.196 protects entities and individuals from civil liability resulting from the use of an AED in an emergency as long as certain conditions specified in the law are satisfied. When an AED is placed in a school building, Health and Safety Code 1797.196, as amended by AB 254 (Ch. 111, Statutes of 2005), requires that the principal provide specific notifications to staff. See the accompanying administrative regulation. \*\*\*

\*\*\*Note: Districts considering placing an AED on school grounds should work closely with medical professionals, the manufacturer of the device, local officials, nonprofit organizations, and the district's risk manager or insurance specialist to ensure that necessary precautions are taken, such as staff training, equipment maintenance and storage, placement of the devices, and record-keeping. Local chapters of the American Red Cross and American Heart Association may help provide training and facilitate the purchase of AEDs. District legal counsel should also be consulted.\*\*\*

The Board authorizes the placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) at designated school sites for use by designated personnel who have volunteered to receive training in the use of AEDs.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop guidelines for employees regarding the use of these devices and shall ensure that employees receive training on their proper use and handling. 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 or obligation to use the AED in the case of an emergency nor any expectation that an AED or trained employee will be present and/or able to use an AED in an emergency or any expectation 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  
1799.102 Personal liability immunity  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8  
5193 California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22  
100031-100043 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>

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