AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

The Eastmont Board of Directors recognizes that by equipping schools with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) and training employees in their use, the potential to save lives in the event of a health emergency, including cardiac arrest, is increased. The Board authorizes the district to place AEDs at all school sites. Schools and district facilities with an AED on site will train selected staff in their use according to the guidelines provided by the Washington State Department of Health.

Instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitations, to include appropriate use of an AED, will be included in at least one health class necessary for graduation.

This policy does not create any implied or express guarantee, or obligation to use an AED, nor does it create an expectation that an AED or a trained employee or student will be present and able to use an AED, even if a condition arose that made the use of an AED beneficial.

A person who uses an AED at the scene of an emergency and all other persons and entities providing services are immune from civil liability for any personal injury that results from any act or omission in the use of the AED in an emergency setting, unless the acts or omissions amount to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct.

The superintendent will develop procedures for the placement, maintenance, and use of AEDs in schools.

Cross Reference:

Board Policy 2410	High School Graduation Requirements

Legal References:

RCW 28A.230	Compulsory Coursework and Activities
RCW 4.24. 300	Immunity from liability for certain types of medical care
RCW 70.54.310	Semiautomatic external defibrillator — Duty of acquirer — Immunity from civil liability

Management Resources:

Policy & Legal News, September 2013	
Policy News, April 2011	Legal Aspects of Defibrillator Use Defined