

## Buildings and Sites

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Policy Title: Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)

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In conjunction with Iowa Legislature S.F. 2364 mandating school practice drills for emergency situations, a cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) addresses how to respond to an identified cardiac emergency within a school setting. The CERP shall address and provide for at least all of the following:

- Use and regular maintenance of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).
  - Every MCSD school shall have an AED (s) on site accessible during school hours and for after-hours school functions.
  - Each AED shall be readily accessible.
- Activation of a cardiac emergency response team during an identified cardiac emergency.
  - School employees shall be readily identified as part of the CERP team and this list updated annually.
  - Cardiac emergencies involve:
    - A person who is not moving, unresponsive or unconscious.
    - A person who is not breathing or not breathing normally.
    - A person who may have just received a blunt blow to the chest.
- Plan for effective and efficient communication throughout the school campus.

- The CERP shall be posted adjacent to each AED and also within the AED unit itself. Other postings of the CERP shall be at the discretion of school administrators.
- The CERP and location of schools AEDs shall be distributed to all staff at the beginning of the school year.
- Training of staff in AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).
  - A sufficient number of certified and non-certified staff shall be trained at each school in AED and CPR and training will be offered every two years and reviewed annually.
  - Training will be administered by a certified, nationally recognized organization current with the American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines.
  - A review of the CERP will be done within every two-year training.
  - Annual drills of the CERP plan will be administered by school nurse at each building.
- Annual review and evaluation of the CERP.
  - A review of all post-event documentation for any cardiac emergency will be done by the lead school nurse for MCSD in conjunction with the CERP.
- Oversight of the CERP process will be managed by a licensed, local health-care provider, MCSD Lead District Nurse, and local EMS services for all aspects of the CERP.
- A copy of the CERP can be obtained from the MCSD Lead District Nurse.

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