



## Policy Manual – Administration

### A.15 - Defibrillators

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*The mission of Catholic Education in Hamilton-Wentworth, in union with our Bishop, is to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which Our Lord Jesus Christ is the model*

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board is committed to taking every reasonable precaution to ensure the health and well-being of all students and staff and to preventing serious medical emergencies.

This policy is for the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), as an emergency device to aid a person during a life threatening medical episode as one method of immediate medical intervention.

#### **Purpose**

An AED is a portable electronic device that can audibly prompt and deliver an electric shock that will disrupt or stop the heart's dysrhythmic electrical activity. The shock can cause the heart to revert to a more effective rhythm during some life threatening situations.

**Responsibility:** Superintendent of Human Resources, Manager of Health & Safety

#### **Regulations**

Chase McEachern Act (Heart Defibrillator Civil Liability), 2007  
Good Samaritan Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 2

#### **Related Policies**

H.M.07 Health and Safety of Employees  
S.M.04 Accidents and Illnesses in the School

Related Board Committee: Committee of the Whole

#### **Policy Review Date:**

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