

**Spectrum Charter School  
4369 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146**

**Board of Trustees Policy 823**

**AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR & CARDIOPULMONARY  
RESUSCITATION POLICY**

In compliance with the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of Trustees (“Board”) requires that the Spectrum Charter School (“Charter School”) participates in the Pennsylvania Department of Education (“PDE”) program to purchase necessary automatic external defibrillators for the Charter School building(s). The PA Public School Code defines “Automatic external defibrillator” as a portable device that uses electric shock to restore a stable heart rhythm to an individual in cardiac arrest. The Board also requires training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the continued good health of the Charter School community.

PDE has established an automatic external defibrillator program to assist school entities, including charter schools, and nonpublic schools in making automatic external defibrillators available in school buildings.

To be eligible to obtain or purchase automatic external defibrillators under the program the Charter School entity will:

- Assure that two (2) or more persons assigned to the location where the automatic external defibrillator will be primarily housed are trained as required in subsection (d).
- Ensure that the device will be secured in a safe and readily accessible location and agree to properly maintain and test the device according to the manufacturer's operational guidelines.
- Submit a valid prescription for the device from a licensed medical practitioner in this Commonwealth.
- Agree to provide the training to Charter School personnel who are expected to use the automatic external defibrillator in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and in the use of an automatic external defibrillator provided by the American Heart

Association, the American Red Cross or through an equivalent course of instruction approved by the PA Department of Health.

- This required training may be included in the Charter School's continuing professional education plan.
- The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. § 8331.2 (relating to good Samaritan civil immunity for use of automated external defibrillator) shall apply to school employees who render care with an automatic external defibrillator.
- Not later than June 30, 2014, and each year thereafter, each Charter School entity shall make a report to the department detailing the number, condition, age and placement of automatic external defibrillators in each school building. After the initial report is made, a Charter school entity may report this information as part of its annual report.

### **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation ("CPR")**

- The Charter School shall have, except in extenuating circumstances, one person certified in the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation during regular school hours when school is in session and students are present.
- CPR is defined by the National Institutes of Health, U.S. National Library of Medicine to mean: an emergency lifesaving procedure that is done when someone's breathing or heartbeat has stopped. This may happen after an electric shock, heart attack, or drowning. CPR combines rescue breathing and chest compressions. Rescue breathing provides oxygen to the person's lungs and chest compressions keep oxygen-rich blood flowing until the heartbeat and breathing can be restored. Permanent brain damage or death can occur within minutes if blood flow stops. Therefore, it is very important that blood flow and breathing be continued until trained medical help arrives.
- The provisions of 42 Pa.C.S. §§ 8332 (relating to nonmedical Good Samaritan civil immunity) and 8337.1 (relating to civil immunity of school officers or employees relating to emergency care, first aid and rescue) shall apply to a person who renders cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

**TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH THE SCHOOL'S CHARTER OR APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS AND/OR CHARTER CONTROL.**

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

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President

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Secretary