

Board Policy: BP 3516.4

Students – Cardiac Emergency and Extreme Weather Response

Policy Statement

The Governing Board recognizes that environmental factors, including extreme heat, poor air quality, and other hazardous weather, significantly impact pupil safety and increase the risk of medical emergencies such as sudden cardiac arrest.

In accordance with **California Senate Bill 1248 (Yahushua's Law)** and **Education Code 33355**, the District shall adopt and implement:

1. A site-specific **Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)** for each school.
2. Comprehensive **Weather Protocols** to govern outdoor physical activities during extreme weather conditions.

Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) Requirements

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each school site develops and maintains a CERP that includes:

1. *AED Accessibility*: Clearly identified and accessible AEDs on campus during the school day and at all on-campus athletic events.
2. *Emergency Procedures*: Written protocols for responding to SCA, including the immediate activation of the 911 system.
3. *Role Designation*: Clear identification of staff roles and responsibilities during a cardiac event.
4. *Communication*: A plan for contacting emergency responders and directing them to the specific location of the victim.
5. *Training*: Annual CPR and AED training for designated staff and athletic personnel.
6. *Drills*: Annual practice drills to ensure response readiness.
7. *Maintenance*: Procedures for the regular inspection and testing of AED equipment.

Athletics

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that an AED is present and available at all interscholastic athletic events and practices. All coaches and athletic personnel shall be trained in CPR and AED use in accordance with state law.

Weather Protocol Requirements

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that extreme weather protocols are based on and consistent with guidance from the California Department of Education (CDE) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and apply to all outdoor student activities, including physical education, athletics, recess, and school events.

Protocols shall require staff to modify, limit, or cancel activities when conditions pose a health risk and shall include additional protections for students who are more vulnerable to heat or poor air quality, including those with asthma or other medical conditions.

The District shall ensure access to drinking water, shade, and cooling areas during outdoor activities and extreme weather conditions.

These protocols shall include:

- Clear criteria for modifying or ceasing outdoor activities based on temperature thresholds and index ratings.
- Procedures for daily weather and air quality monitoring.
- Communication plans for notifying staff, students, and parents of activity changes.
- Identification of safe indoor alternative activities.

Review and Compliance

The District shall annually review and update weather protocols and each school site's Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) to reflect evolving conditions and best practices, and shall monitor compliance with California Senate Bill 1248 (Yahushua's Law), including documentation of training, drills, and AED maintenance.